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Nanking Pleas For Peace

Nanking, May 19.
Members of the People's Political Council, which is to open its session here tomorrow, have actively begun their campaign for the resumption of Nationalist-Communist peace negotiations.

Meeting today to discuss the agenda of the two weeks' session, approximately 200 PPC delegates heard two of their colleagues make earnest pleas for an end to the civil war.

Mr. Hsu Teh-yin, Peiping Liberal, called loudly for the immediate cessation of hostilities and declared that PPC members should concentrate their efforts principally on the problem of peace. Referring to the threatened students' demonstrations tomorrow, Mr. Hsu declared that he would not like to guarantee that there would not be bloody clashes and appealed to PPC members to do all they can to advocate non-violence.

Mr. Ta Tu-hsin, white-bearded non-representing the PPC, would personally kneel down before the Government and Communists to pray that the warring factions would lay down their arms and thus alleviate the sufferings of the people living under deplorable conditions.

Changchun Fighting

Nanking, May 19.
Communist troops have infiltrated into the suburbs of Changchun, leading Manchurian city now under martial law.

Semi-official news dispatches reaching here today admitted that Changchun is in a "state of siege." The Communist radio meanwhile reported that the Communists have begun in earnest a full offensive in Manchuria.

The Government-controlled Central News reports that skirmishes have occurred at the Changchun airfield. The cutting of rail communications between Changchun and Mukden, it said, is also threatened as the Communists attack Hsiao-tai, southwest of Changchun.—Reuter.

Royal Engagement Speculation

London, May 19.
Hannen Swaffer, writing in the Sunday paper "The People," said that while the Prime Minister had not been told officially of Princess Elizabeth's plan to marry the former Prince Philip of Greece, it is expected that the news will reach him within a few days.

The Princess's engagement, Swaffer maintained, was the "nation's business" and in recent months Philip's life and character have been openly discussed "to his advantage—for they have passed the test."

The "News of the World" declared that "quarters very close to Princess Elizabeth" disclosed that "an official announcement concerning her future is likely to be made soon," adding that "there is no reason to anticipate any objections by the Government."

Such an appointment, Mr. Attlee and Mr. Bevin had made clear to the Duke, might prove an embarrassment, the paper reported.

The Duke and Duchess of Windsor are at Charters, Sunningdale, which belonged to the millionaire Parkinson and cost £100,000.

"Every bedroom has its bathroom, some in pink marble." There is a filter that screens the water. The lighting from pink to midnight blue can be changed to suit each course at dinner. The "News of the World" reported.

The "Sunday Mirror," while inferring that the Royal engagement was genuine, said that it had "learned one thing: the Duke and Duchess are not happy."

STUDENT SITUATION WORSENS

Peiping Youths Beaten Up By Soldiers

Students To Defy Nanking Ban

Peiping, May 19.
Four students of the National Peking University were beaten up by soldiers of the Youth Army here today during student anti-civil war speech-making.

The incident, which officials fear might pyramid into a major student demonstration, occurred while students of the National Peking and Tsinghua Universities were addressing throngs at Peiping's West City, urging an immediate end of the civil war and decrying the attempt to unify the country by arms.

Youth Army soldiers in the crowd disagreed and after a heated argument manhandled the students, who are now in the University hospital.

Mr. Li Tsung-jen, Director of the Generalissimo's Peiping Office, expressed regret over the incident and issued an order punishing the soldiers.

Less than 24 hours after the State Council in Nanking issued an edict banning parades and public demonstrations, 6,000 students from seven universities paraded through main streets in Shanghai demanding a "new deal" in education.

Today's demonstrations were feared to be the forerunner of further unrest parades in all the main cities on Tuesday—the date on which the People's Political Council is scheduled to open.

The Shanghai demonstration was reported to be without violence though the Police and garrison forces were alerted to quell any possible disturbances. The demonstrators arrived too late to see off the 37-men delegation at a rail station going to Nanking to press the students' demands.

Associated Press Spencer Moore reports from Nanking that student leaders of six striking universities and colleges at Nanking have decided to defy the anti-demonstration ban and stage a mammoth parade tomorrow to emphasize their demands for increased living allowances and other concessions which Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek himself has branded "unreasonable and excessive."

Nanking Incident
In Nanking, 300 students from the National Yingshih University at Kihwa, in Chekiang Province, attempted to enter the Ministry of Education but were thwarted by close guarded gates. A hot argument ensued when 20 Chinese MPs refused to let in the students to place their demands—the transfer of the campus to a pre-war site in Nanking—before the Government.

In Nanking, universities and colleges decided to hold a procession on Tuesday to present petitions to the People's Political Council and the Executive Yuan. It is not known whether the students intend to turn out en masse in defiance of the government ban or to elect a delegation. However, the students voted not to include demands concerning the civil war in petitions to the PPC and the Executive Yuan.

Meanwhile, students in two missionary-supported colleges in Shanghai, who went on strike protesting against the credit system, are expected to resume classes soon, since the college authorities agreed to reconsider the system. The schools involved are the University of Hangchow and the Hangchow Christian College.

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Red Influence
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FRENCH PORT STRIKE

Paris, May 19.
Activity in the ports of France and North Africa came to a standstill today as dockers launched a 24-hour strike to obtain a guaranteed minimum wage.

At Dunkerque, Calais and Rouen, the three principal ports of northern France, the strike was total early this morning. There was no labour available to unload two big freighters which arrived from the colonies with badly needed foodstuffs.—United Press.

Communist Threat In Italy

Washington, May 18.
The former Undersecretary of State, Mr. Sumner Welles, in a radio address alleges that the Communists in Italy possess large stores of arms and ammunition and that the Party has been receiving money sent directly from Moscow.

Mr. Welles said there was a real possibility that Italy will be dominated by a Communist regime within the next few months. He called on the United States to delay ratification of the Italian treaty.

Mr. Welles said he was "informed that some of the highest officials in the present Italian Government have proof that the Communist Party leader, Palmiro Togliatti, was receiving funds sent to him directly from Moscow."

"What is most sinister of all, however," continued Mr. Welles, "is the fact that in almost every one of Italy's larger cities, particularly the larger industrial cities of northern Italy, local Communist organizations have in their possession very large stores of arms and ammunition, which even include tanks and machine-guns."

The former Undersecretary said if the Italian treaty were ratified now, it would mean the withdrawal of British and American troops which, he said, "until now have been the greatest practical deterrent to armed uprisings within Italy and to Yugoslav pressure upon Italy."—United Press.

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Plane Crashes On School

Burlington, Iowa, May 19.
A low-flying Navy Corsair fighter plane crashed and exploded yesterday amidst a pick-up baseball game on a grade school playground.

The pilot and two boys were killed and six boys and one girl were injured.

Sheets of flaming gasoline drenched the baseball team and parts of the plane were hurled three blocks away.

The big 2,000 horse-power fighter had been stunting over Burlington as part of a Navy air show. It swept low over the town with a squadron of other Corsairs in a mock strafing attack. Suddenly it reeled, plunged out of formation and dived out of control into a group of ball players.

Two boys were fatally burned. They died en route to hospital. Searing flames caught three other boys who were reported to be in a serious condition at the Burlington Hospital.

Less seriously injured when the plane exploded were a girl and two boys. The injured included a 19-year-old Navy veteran who saw action in the Pacific.—United Press.

Voters Too Hungry To Vote

Baden, May 18.
Apathy due to hunger was the main impression of today's election for the State Parliaments of Baden, Wuertemberg, and the Rhine Palatinate, the three states of the French zone of Germany.

Shortly before the polls closed, a German official estimated that not more than about 55 per cent voted. In the "district elections" last November, 58 per cent voted, which was a big drop from the 84 per cent recorded in the national elections in September.

The French zone was casting two votes; one to elect new provincial Parliaments and the other to decide on the constitutions of the three states.

In November, the Christian Democratic Union, the centre party with a strong Catholic following, won easy majorities in all three provinces with a total of 147 seats. The Social Democrats won 60 seats and the Communists 22.

Both the German and the French authorities, commenting on the light poll, agreed that the food situation, which has sharply deteriorated, lessened the interest of the average German in anything except food and the most pressing material needs.

For six weeks now, Germans in the French zone have not received any potatoes. This month, they will have had only 18 ounces of fats, and their bread ration has been cut from 10½ ounces to just under 8 ounces a day. The voters represented a population of about 6,000,000.

The final results of the polling were not expected before tomorrow. Four parties are contending for supremacy: The Christian Democratic Union, The Democrat People's Party, The Social Democrats, and the Communists.

Hitherto, the Christian Democrat Union has enjoyed a clear majority. It is expected they will top the poll again and that the referendum will show a large majority in favour of the new constitution.—Reuter.

The Sudan
Britain nevertheless is steadily reducing her garrison, the spokesman said. Cairo, Alexandria and the Nile Valley already have been evacuated and the remaining troops are concentrated in the Suez Canal Zone.

As for the Sudan, the spokesman said the "condominium agreement of 1899 entitles both Egypt and Britain to maintain troops there. While Britain recognizes the symbolic unity of the Nile Valley she could not consent to Egypt assuming sole responsibility for the Sudan."

ACTION ON FRANCO?

London, May 19.
The United States and Britain are exchanging views on means of hastening the downfall of Generalissimo Francisco Franco, reliable diplomatic sources said today.

These exchanges, it was reported, are being conducted through the respective embassies in London and Washington. They were understood to be designed to draft recommendations to the Security Council for a follow-up to the UN withdrawal of heads of diplomatic missions from Madrid last winter.—United Press.

Lahore Rioting Increases

New Delhi, May 18.
Rioters were said to have used pistols and rifles tonight against the police in Lahore, stricken capital of Punjab, now in its fifth day of communal upheaval.

The District Magistrate of Lahore, Mr. J. C. W. Eustace, said tonight that fire was opened on the police who were trying to stop brickbat fighting near Bangmuhl, storm centre during the communal disturbances in March. About 11 people were injured and an unknown number killed before firing by police and Gurkha patrols ended the fighting.

The situation was under control by later evening. Mr. Eustace said that the military lost six brigades to help to put out half a dozen or more fires raging in the city.—Reuter.

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Continuing, the paper's editorial said: "The Japanese are the most inscrutable, impressive and secretive people on earth and it is unlikely that the American occupation will have any deep lasting effect."

Opposing General Douglas MacArthur's recommendation to turn over the occupation to

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The Weather

Pressure is highest N and NE of the Maritimes and a weak high will persist over the Eastern Sea. A complex depression in the vicinity of Hokkaido is moving ENE. The China Sea depression has lost intensity and is moving SSE across Formosa. Pressure is low generally over China where gradients are slight.

Today's Forecast: Moderate, southerly backing to westerly winds; sea to partly cloudy.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum: 84.4 deg. F. Minimum: 74.1 deg. F. Sunshine: 10.5 hours. Rainfall: 0.0 inch. Total since Jan. 22.14 mm. We are an average of 495.5 mm.

Readings at 10 a.m. (S.M.S. 1947) Date: at 10 a.m. 1947. Time: 10.00 a.m. Place: 25.50 107.75. Rel. Humidity: 70 64.9. Dew Point: 73 72 deg. F. Wind Direction: W by S. Wind Force: 7 knots.

Japanese Mood Changing:

HOSTILITY TO OCCUPATION

Singapore, May 19.
The Straits Times today published a dispatch from its Tokyo correspondent, Richard Hughes, reporting the "hardening resentment and slowly growing hostility" of the Japanese against the American occupation, evidenced by stone-throwing at trains carrying American personnel.

It said the Military Police require American train passengers draw down curtains at night as blackout protection against brickbat attacks.

The Hughes dispatch cited evidence of what he called the "intangible and elusive" Japanese change of heart.

It said an American officer supervising contract labour commented "it's not what the beggars will do. It's what they don't do. They just don't co-operate. Simple instructions are forgotten or misunderstood. You have an exasperated feeling of being somehow a helpless victim of a giant but inevitable conspiracy of non-cooperation."

Open Hostility
The dispatch also quoted British occupation officers as saying the Japanese attitude in outlying villages was openly hostile and that Japanese working for the occupation forces were ostracised and ill-treated by their countrymen.

A British officer said Japanese drivers keep in the centre of highways deliberately blocking military vehicles and that pedestrians "step in front of us in city streets and stare blankly at us to force us to halt or swerve."

The influential Straits Times, which consistently was sceptical of American claims that the Japanese are being democratised, declared "it is much more obvious now than it was in March that the impressive record of democratic progress inflicted upon a reluctant Japan was no progress at all."

Another Texas City Fire

New York, May 18.
The 11,000-ton oil tanker "Panmassachusetts" was aflame today at a pier in Texas City, scene of the recent disastrous explosion and fire, the Coast Guard announced today.

The latest reports said that the whole ship from the bridge to the bowlers is on fire and that the deck was also burning.

No injuries have been reported, but two men who were in a tug alongside the burning vessel were badly burned and taken to hospital. The fire was confined to the area forward of the ship's bridge and there was no explosion despite the inflammable nature of the tanker's cargo.

The pier was only slightly damaged.—Reuter.

FORMER PREMIER DEAD

Auckland, May 19.
George William Forbes, 74, Premier of New Zealand, died at 10.10 a.m. on Sunday at Christchurch.—Associated Press.

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Coming Events

May 20—Rotary Club, 12.30 p.m. Speaker: Major C.W.L. Way on "The First Burma Campaign."

May 20—Tee H meeting, Talbot House, 50 Macdonnell Rd., 8.30 p.m.—Light, social evening.

May 21—Union Waterboat Co., Ltd. Annual Meeting, Dodwell's Office, 11 a.m.

May 21—Sino-British Club, Cathedral Hall, 6.15 p.m. Speaker: C.H. Cheng, M.A., on "Chinese Education As It Is."

May 24—H.K. & Yunnan Fertilisers, annual meeting, noon.

May 24—26 Whitman Race meeting.

May 28—H.K. Realty & Trust Co. annual meeting, noon.

May 29—H.K. Tramways Ltd. annual meeting, Jardine's of, noon.

May 31—China Provident annual and extraordinary meetings, Jacobson Room, H.K. Hotel, noon.

May 31—China Emporium annual meeting, 3 p.m.

June 9—H.K. & Whampoa Docks extraordinary meeting, noon.

C.N.A.C. CHIEF HERE

Col. C.Y. Liu who has succeeded Gen. T.H. Shen as the Manager, Director of C.N.A.C. is in Hong Kong on an inspection trip. Before taking over C.N.A.C. Col. Liu represented China on the National International Civil Aviation Organisation and has been one of the three Vice Presidents of the Interim Council of the Organisation.

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Hotel Appeal

The Full Court (Sir Henry Blackall, Chief Justice, and Mr. Justice T. J. Gould) sat yesterday to hear an appeal by The Great China Hotel Co., Ltd. (appellants) against the judgment of Mr. Justice E.H. Williams (Puisne Judge), delivered in favour of the Wo Hing Co., Ltd. (respondents).

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, instructed by Mr. M. M. Watson of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes & Master, appeared for the appellants. The respondents were represented by Mr. Charles Laseby and Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. Peter H. Sin.

The judgment of Mr. Justice Williams, against which the appeal was lodged, was to the effect that the respondents could remain in premises at Connaught Road Central, after the appellants claimed back the premises, which were rented to the respondents under an agreement in writing.

After judgment had been delivered, appellants obtained an order from the Governor-in-Council, exempting the premises in question (119/120 Connaught Road Central and 337/339 Des Voeux Road Central) from the provisions of the Landlord and Tenant Proclamation.

In response to an enquiry by Sir Henry Blackall yesterday, Mr. Eldon Potter said that the question of this Order-in-Council would not arise. The appeal was against the decision of Mr. Justice Williams and the facts had been agreed between the parties.

Sir Henry intimated that he would make a note to the effect that it was agreed that the appeal related to the period ending Dec. 28, 1946, that is, the date of the Governor's Order exempting the premises from the Landlord and Tenant Proclamation.

Letter Sent. Mr. Potter said that the point was whether or not the premises came within the provisions of the Proclamation. By an indenture dated July 15, 1941, respondents were permitted to carry on the hotel business under the name of the Great China Hotel for five years from May 26, 1941. It was agreed that the period of five years expired on May 30, 1946.

On Apr. 18, 1946, a letter was sent by the appellants to the respondents warning them that the lease of the premises would expire on May 30, when appellants would require possession of the premises as well as the furniture and fittings as set out in a Schedule attached to the lease.

On Apr. 29, Messrs. Wilkinson & Grist sent a letter to the appellants, in which it was mentioned that respondents had suffered losses during the Japanese occupation and asking if the lease could be extended.

The appellants replied that the lease could not be extended, and pointed out that help had been given respondents during the Japanese occupation.

On May 29, respondents again wrote, saying that they would not vacate the premises, but would continue in occupation as monthly tenants under the Landlord and Tenant Proclamation.

Mr. Potter also mentioned that although the respondents had refused to give up the premises, they had continued to carry on business under the name of "Great China Hotel" and to derive profit therefrom. Hearing was adjourned to this morning.

DISCHARGED

Tsang Kau and Chau Cheung, charged with "four others" with aiding, abetting and assisting Fung Chung in breaking into the store-room of the R.A.S. Kai Tak, and the larceny of nine boxes of guncock primers and one jack, on May 16, and with possession of the dangerous weapons, were on the application of Det. Inspector C.Y. Sul discharged by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday. Fung Chung, Chan Wah, Chan Kam-cheong, alias Lai Wong, and Tsang Choi were remanded for another 48 hours in Police custody.

WARDER FINED

Seen by Prison Officer Grant at 4.40 p.m. on Saturday handing two cigarettes to a prisoner in his cell, Chiang Hing-kwong, 41, warder of Stanley Prison, was fined \$100 or one month's hard labour by Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday.

BARTLETT ON CHINA

Need For Ending Civil War

Necessity For New H.K. Airport

(By Margaret Bradbury)

Threatening Letters Sequel

Sentence of 12 years' imprisonment with hard labour was passed by Mr. Justice E.H. Williams (Puisne Judge), on Wu Yun-kam, who pleaded guilty to two counts of demanding money with menaces, when pleas for the May Criminal Sessions were taken yesterday.

Wu admitted having sent two letters dated Mar. 24 and Mar. 26 respectively to Wu Fun, demanding \$2,000 and containing threats to life and damage to property. Hung Man-tung (alias Hung Ching alias Hung Pao alias Cheung Lam) also pleaded guilty to having sent letters demanding \$2,000 from the Tai Yat Tea House, Des Voeux Road Central, the Sun Kwong Restaurant, 317 Des Voeux Road Central and the Kung Tuen Restaurant, 257 Des Voeux Road Central, on Apr. 9. On the application of Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Prosecutor, sentence in this case was suspended, as accused is to give evidence on behalf of the Crown in another case shortly coming before the Courts.

Both John Kenneth Gracie and Frank Henry Johnston, who are charged under the Defence Regulations with doing an act likely to assist the enemy, pleaded not guilty when their respective cases were called.

Hearing of the case against Gracie will commence before Mr. Justice Williams this morning.

Applications For Exchange

It is announced by the Director of the Department of Supplies, Trade & Industry, that arms applying for foreign exchange against the quotas to be allocated for the period June/December 1947, are reminded that their applications to the S.T.I. should contain the full details requested in the notification published in the press on May 9, 1947.

These details may be submitted by letter as notified, but forms are now available at the S.T.I. for use, if required, and will be supplied on request.

All applications, whether by letter or on forms, should reach the Department before May 13, 1947.

Money Market

There was improved trading on the money market yesterday after the weekend recess, with all prices registering a rise, excepting Chinese National Currency.

Gold, after opening at \$100.25 a tael, rose to \$203, though at one point it dropped to \$259. At the close buyers offered \$202.50.

Piastres started off at \$12.20 & 100 and then gradually rose to \$12.77, closing at \$12.76.

Chinese National Currency was lifeless and rates closed at 14 cents for futures and 13.4 cents for spot (for CN\$1,000).

U.S. dollars were firm at \$4.66 buyers. Sterling improved to \$14.35. Australian pounds were again unchanged at \$12.52.

Ration Register Overhaul

Government has decided to continue the present system of rice rationing to the public, but it has been thought desirable to overhaul the existing register of persons drawing the ration with a view to weeding out superfluities and duplications.

In a statement to the Press on the subject yesterday, Mr. Tse Yu-chuen, sub-manager of Wing Wo Hong, Government Distributors, said the present register has over 1,100,000 names. It is obvious that this figure is not entirely correct, for the names of many who died or left the Colony were never reported to the Distributors. It has been decided to have a re-registration effected by the issue of new ration cards in place of those now in use.

A feature of the new registration is that the names and ages of all the people in a household drawing ration must be furnished. This, explained Mr. Tse, is to facilitate checking periodically.

Not Reported

In the past, only about one per cent of deaths has been reported, and it has not been possible to check such omissions because only the names of the heads of households are on the register. The new system will remove this anomaly.

Before countries overseas send further help to China, a more obvious desire on the part of the Chinese people is needed towards ending the civil war. This was the opinion voiced yesterday by Mr. Vernon Bartlett, prominent journalist and Independent Member of Parliament who is now visiting Hong Kong.

In an interview dealing with China's present situation rising out of her internal troubles Mr. Bartlett said:—"When I came here nine years ago I was tremendously interested to meet General Chiang Kai-shek, mainly because he was the man who, through the Kuomintang, had united much of the greater part of China. It is very disappointing to return now and find that despite the unifying effect of the Japanese invasion on China the country is still suffering an appalling civil war."

Mr. Bartlett pointed out that this was all the more unfortunate when he had come from a country that had so recently carried through what amounted to a social revolution "without any bloodshed and without any censorship."

Said Mr. Bartlett:—"There does not seem to be much hope of putting an end to the inflation of Chinese currency while the civil war goes on. The main tragedy of inflation in any country is that it puts a check on everything; it does with culture, professors are paid the wages of dockhands and also it cuts off all contacts of this kind with the outside world."

Mr. Bartlett went on to say that with regard to problems facing Britain today, the greatest one was the securing of foreign exchange.

"There is no other country which has to import so much of its food and so much of its raw materials as Britain," he added. "During the war we had to distribute our means of production through every little part of the country. The extent to which we did disperse our industry and mobilise our people was magnificent, but the after-effects were not good."

Middle Class Critics

"America," he said, "has been in a more fortunate position in that she put into the war materials that could afterwards be used in peacetime production."

Whatever the British Government's difficulties were at this time, Mr. Bartlett said that in his opinion if a Labour Government had not been in power the country could not have got through this period with so few strikes. He pointed out that in the two years after the end of the war only 5,000,000 working days had been lost in strikes in Britain compared to 60,000,000 days which were lost in the same period following the last war.

"That," he said, "is one thing that suggests the Government is fairly firm in Britain and another is that the poor members of the community—the mass of the voters—are probably better off than they were before the war. But it is quite true that the middle class are

EXECUTIONS AT STANLEY

Convicted of the Criminal Sessions on April 10, when a jury returned a unanimous verdict of guilty on a charge of murder, three men—Cheuk Chau, Cheung Kee-cheong, and Liu Lum—were executed at Stanley Prison yesterday morning.

The three are part of a group of six men who were sentenced to death for the murder of a man named Hui Chi at Deep Bay on October 10 last year. Accused in their defence that the shooting incident on board a junk in which Hui was killed followed his attempt to escape while being escorted with two other men to a town in Po On district for a "land trial for various crimes."

A Coroner's Inquest was held at Central Court yesterday when a formal verdict of "death by judicial hanging" was returned.

MACAO AND H.K. NEWSPAPERS

Macao, May 16. A United Press message from Macao stating that the English papers from Hongkong, including "The China Mail," were confiscated by the Censors on May 16. It is inaccurate. The Censors were in improved mood and "The Hongkong Sunday Herald" won a very laudatory admiration for its denunciations. Our Own Correspondent.

MR. McDUGALL O.A.G.

Mr. D. M. McDougall, CMG, Colonial Secretary, has taken the prescribed oath and assumed the administration of the Government of Hong Kong, following the departure of Sir Mark Young, GCMG, and pending the arrival of the new Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham. An announcement to this effect was the subject of a "Hong Kong Government Gazette Extraordinary" issued yesterday afternoon.

Murder Verdict At Inquest

"Murder by a person or persons unknown" was the verdict returned by a jury in an inquest held at Central yesterday on Yuen Kit, 25, (Postman No. 182), who was shot by armed robbers in Sports Road at 9 p.m. on February 24.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada sat as the Coroner. DI MacPherson appeared for the police.

Lo Yuk-chun, 20, 0 Wanchai Road, said she was in Sports Road with the deceased at 9 p.m. on February 24 when three armed robbers came up.

The deceased struggled with two of the armed men, while the third armed gangster kept her covered.

One of the men fired a shot which wounded her companion in the abdomen. With her assistance, he walked to the main road and they got into rickshaws to report to No. 2 Police Station.

Dr. Lee Fuk-kuen, of the Queen Mary Hospital, said deceased was admitted to the hospital on the night of Feb. 24; he died at 8.45 a.m. on Feb. 26. Witness said he conducted a postmortem examination and in his opinion death was due to gunshot wound and generalised peritonitis.

Indo-China Dividend

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. Ltd., the general managers of the Indo-China S.N. Co. Ltd., announce that the Board of Directors have recommended the following appropriations for consideration at the sixty-second annual general meeting to be held on June 27, 1947:

To transfer to general reserve	£60,000
To transfer to ships replacement reserve	30,000
To transfer to underwriting account	22,374
To pay a dividend of 6% for the year 1946 on 40,589 cumulative preferred ordinary shares	14,877
To pay dividend of 10% on 40,589 deferred ordinary shares	24,704
To pay a bonus of 10% on 40,589 deferred ordinary shares	24,704
To carry forward unappropriated	24,821
	£202,030

The net profit for the year ended December 31, 1946, amounted to \$183,277 and after adding the sum carried forward as at Jan. 1, 1946, there remains the above balance available for appropriation.

"Youth At The Helm" At The Star

(By V.V.K.)

A considerable problem always for an amateur dramatic club is the member who does not fit into a cast of characters and must await the next production before having an opportunity of a stage appearance. There are always members in excess of the cast required and those left out of the last production present a formidable problem when casting takes place for the next.

The Hong Kong Stage Club has probably to-day a larger roll of active members than any of the Colony's amateur dramatic groups, (with the exception of the Hong Kong Philharmonic Society) had at their disposal before the war.

With a philharmonic society, the solution lies in accommodating all the "spares" in the chorus. The problem with a dramatic club is that there is no chorus. In a play like "Androcles and the Lion" there are soldiers, Christians and other personalities about and the audience can wear a toga. An audience can comfort itself with the fact that it takes all kinds to make a soldier or a Christian and accept what is presented.

All this preamble is aimed at the Stage Club's presentation of Paul Vulpis' farce "Youth at the Helm" which opened last night at the C.S.E. Star Theatre. The play is an unusually entertaining one and not difficult of presentation. It calls, however, for characterisations that can be credibly accepted, lest it develop—as it does at the Star Theatre—into a farcical presentation rather than into what it is meant to be a story presented in all seriousness which the author wishes to convey could possibly have happened. A mock-serious touch permeates all through the suggestion that, if he is not taken seriously, he would hardly be offended as he does not contest the improbability of the situation.

Good Points. The Hong Kong Stage Club has kept out of the production that part of its available talent that we are already acquainted with and have learned to appreciate. The idea probably is—you haven't seen some of the others yet!

Personally, I missed that brilliant cast of "While the Sun Shines" and some of the people from the subsequent productions. Undoubtedly, some have left the Colony and others are unavailable for one reason or another. But I think the casting is abysmally weak.

Beyond being a good play, "Youth at the Helm," as it is offered us by the Stage Club, has a few odd points to recommend it. Reinaldo Obillas scores all through as a highly entertaining and believable Fitch. Frank Crompton and Leonard French are very much at home as the chairmen of the two banking houses. Both Alice Dedcar and Denise Dalziel are better cast than they were in "Present Laughter." The stage direction seems better-handled than it had been with other large casts.

The rest of the cast is mediocre. Desmond Scott tries hard in the role of Warrender, the young man who believed that one way of getting a job lies simply in wading into a business enterprise and taking over a desk. The audience will find

it difficult to make out whether Warrender is meant to be an idealist or an adventurer with an occasional scruple. The Board Room scenes are not touches of drama; occasional touches veering away from a continuous stream of everyday banalities and a more solid board-room manner. Mr. Scott does show considerable stage-confidence. We may yet see him steal some Stage Club effort of the future, but he is no Warrender.

The Directors, be they given more lavish touches of grey, would still remind one of a meeting held in the Prefect's room in School House. Frank Crompton and Leonard French are exceptions. Ronald Howard would be more acceptable with a more human moustache.

As the obit-conscious Fitch, Reinaldo Obillas steals the show. He is an excellent character actor who is definitely an acquisition to the Stage Club. His Fitch is a type that one could well expect to find lost at some desk in the most august of business establishments. The touch is very nearly expert, the presentation as effective as anything I have seen done locally, the approach thoroughly accomplished.

Good Choice. The other parts calling for good characterisation are those of the Chairman and Lord Farley, both well managed by Frank Crompton and Leonard French respectively. Pombony, fairly well done by Ronald Howard, the other Directors, not very well done, and the Old Gentleman, fairly adequately handled by Brendan Rae. The two ladies would either suit the parts or they would not. They do.

Donald Rudd, the producer, does a moderately good job with the talent at his disposal. The choice of the play was a good one, if only in this respect that we are given an opportunity—as we are continually given opportunities by the Stage Club—of seeing a play another dramatic club in Hong Kong would be unlikely to tackle. I would like to see the Stage Club experiment occasionally.

But I keep getting nearer to the conviction that the best any ADC group can give us is a play where the dramatics personify number no more than seven to nine. Within my memory of amateur dramatic group productions in Hong Kong there is a recollection of only one play with a large cast that was well done. This was the K.C.C. production before the war of "The Trial of Mary Dugan." Perhaps one reason why that did so well is because it seldom called for two or three participants within minutes of dialogue. More than that and the amateur is just as likely to hash it up.

Checker in Court. To enable him to raise the necessary amount to make restitution to the complainant, Chung Man-yu, 32, checker at the Government Vegetable Market, was remanded another 72 hours by Mr. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday.

Chung is charged with larceny by baillee of the sum of \$495 on May 10. The sum, according to Inspector J. Orem, represented the amount realised on the sale of 9,500 cabbages of vegetables brought to the Government Market by Lai Chuen and which consisted allegedly converted to his own use.

CHECKER IN COURT

Hennessy Road Cafe Incident

Crosby Sidney Nunoo, British merchant seaman of the ss. "Empire Hilda" was bound over in the sum of \$50 for 12 months by Mr. d'Almada at Central yesterday for behaving in a disorderly manner with intent to provoke a breach of the peace in the Happy Land Bar, Hennessy Road, at 11 p.m. on May 15.

ASP C. Haig-Brown prosecuted. Mr. C. A. S. Russ pleaded not guilty on behalf of Nunoo.

S/I Saunders said he was attracted by a large crowd gathered outside the premises. He heard loud noises inside the bar. He went in and saw defendant standing in the middle of the room, challenging any Serviceman to a fight.

Witness heard defendant using strong abusive words to about 15 or 20 British Servicemen inside the bar. Disclosing his identity as a police officer, Saunders said he told defendant to calm down and leave the place.

Saunders alleged defendant grabbed hold of his jacket and looked as if he were about to strike him. He struck defendant a blow on the face and knocked him down.

At the situation then quieted down, Saunders left the premises.

ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES

Peninsula Hotel arrivals—Major J.O. Villanueva, Mr. V.B. de Villa, Mr. and Mrs. Ezequiel Lopez, Mr. and Mrs. H. Moreno, Mrs. R.L. Cooper, Miss L. Reyes, C.P. Beattie, R. Santos, J. T. Santos, Mr. and Mrs. W. Santos, Major H. M. Santos, J.T. Santos, and Mrs. R.A. Williams. Peninsula departures—J.T. Goodrum, G.H. Gomer, P.J. Moore, H.K. O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. H. Santos, Mr. and Mrs. W. Santos, Major H. M. Santos, J.T. Santos, and Mrs. R.A. Williams. Kowloon Hotel arrivals—Major J.O. Villanueva, Mr. V.B. de Villa, Mr. and Mrs. Ezequiel Lopez, Mr. and Mrs. H. Moreno, Mrs. R.L. Cooper, Miss L. Reyes, C.P. Beattie, R. Santos, J. T. Santos, Mr. and Mrs. W. Santos, Major H. M. Santos, J.T. Santos, and Mrs. R.A. Williams. Kowloon departures—J.T. Goodrum, G.H. Gomer, P.J. Moore, H.K. O'Brien, Mr. and Mrs. H. Santos, Mr. and Mrs. W. Santos, Major H. M. Santos, J.T. Santos, and Mrs. R.A. Williams.

LABOUR'S 8 COMMANDMENTS

Party Executive Statement; Three Main Objectives

Nationalization Defended

London, May 18.
Eight commandments are laid down for members of the Labour Party in a new statement, "Labour of Higher Production," issued today by the National Executive Committee of the Party.

According to the statement, which will be considered at the Party's Whitsun conference from May 26 to 30, members of the Labour Party, without delay, must be active:

1. In giving a clear lead for increased production in every workplace, especially in the essential industries which are under-manned.
2. In urging every woman whose home duties permit to take up paid employment wherever required.
3. In giving full support to the savings campaign.
4. In developing and in making the fullest use of joint production committees and similar agencies for joint consultation, to increase output.
5. In refusing to tolerate inefficiency in any of the processes of production.

Three Years?

6. In preventing undisciplined action and insisting on full use of the trade union machinery for negotiation or redress of grievances.
7. In urging their fellow workers to keep in the closest touch with their trade union branches and officials.
8. In knowing themselves the facts on which the Government's production campaign is built, and in seeing to it that those among whom they live and work know and understand them also.

Declaring that Labour's economic programme would stand or fall by higher production, the statement added:

"Not until the third year of the war was our industrial system fully mobilised for the conflict. No serious observer supposes that mobilisation for peace can take a much less period."—Reuter.

Export Need

Again and again the statement returned to the theme that the Labour Government's three main objectives—jobs for all, social justice for the people and higher consumption—depended on the initiative of workers and men who manage industry.

It pointed out that the high employment level of the past two years had never been equaled before in peacetime, but warned that permanent full employment could come only when all industries stepped up production both for domestic needs and for export trade. It said the export increase must be even steeper.

The statement, which will come before the five-day conference at Margate, said that redistribution of wealth by taxation as a means of achieving social justice was not enough and that true improvement in the standard of living could come only when goods and services so urgently required by the people were made available to them.

Tories Blamed

The statement charged that the present crisis was due to the "untold but avoidable damage wrought, by 20 years of wilful Tory neglect" and by destruction of war.

"The Tories increased both the difficulty and the urgency of this problem by their pre-war failure to take any positive action which might have injured interests. Thereby they

sowed the seeds of a grave economic crisis for the nation. Today, Britain is paying the price for Tory failure."

Defending nationalization, the statement asserted that "only the Government can build and improve the machinery necessary for integrated improvement of the whole industrial system."

It added: "Private capitalists and their Tory spokesmen naturally cry that nationalization is unnecessary. The fact remains that it becomes daily more obvious that without public ownership of basic industries, national recovery would be impossible."

"With characteristic contempt for the facts, the Tories describe the Government's plan as an attempt to destroy the freedom of the individual citizen. Nothing could be further from the truth." United Press.

GERMAN ANTI-ALLIED SENTIMENT

Frankfurt, May 18.
Evidence of the growing anti-Allied sentiment in Germany is provided by the increasing number of crude slogans appearing on railway coaches and other sites in the United States zone.

Special Food Store Released

Washington, May 18.
In a report to the War Department, the American Military Government announced that it was releasing 30,000 tons of food from special stocks set aside "for the prevention of disease and unrest" in an effort to combat the German food crisis.

The report said the Government decided to release the stocks because civil affairs imports had slackened and imports of potatoes had not been as heavy as expected. The report said the failure of imports to arrive in sufficient quantity in March and April was an important factor in maintaining established rations.

Only 179,000 tons of imported grain flour for Germans in the Anglo-American zones had arrived in April, the report said, compared with 245,000 tons in March and 260,000 tons in February.

Black market activities in Bavaria had increased but food thefts had declined, the report added.—United Press.

Lisbon, May 18.
Ex-King Humberto returned to Lisbon by plane today from a visit to Cairo, where he saw his father, ex-King Victor Emmanuel, other relatives and friends. Humberto lives outside Lisbon with his family.—United Press.

NARROW ESCAPE

Kendall, May 18.
In a hairbreadth escape from catastrophe today, the morning "London-bound Glasgow Express" plowed into a stationary light engine on top of a 100-foot high viaduct, left the rails, and shuddered to a stop about six inches from the brink.

Seven people were injured, including two dining car cooks who were scalded by boiling coffee, but only two were detained in hospital.—Reuter.

Mystery Plane Over East Anglia

London, May 19.
Applied science sometimes threatens to explain everything and so to take the mystery out of life. Yet radar is plotting a mysterious aircraft that rushes across the coast of East Anglia at 400 miles an hour at dead of night and disappears inland.

Radar has plotted some strange things in its time, from children's kites and raindrops to formations of geese. But it surely never plotted a stranger thing than this.

What is the aircraft? Speculation takes us into regions where scenes are laid for so many thrilling stories in boys' magazines. Is it a diamond or drug smuggler? Is it conveying a secret agent from one foreign power to another?

The practical steps are clear. Fast RAF fighters must continue trying to intercept the visitor until they succeed. Our air force has the fastest fighter in the world and should not find it impossible.

Such practical steps are needed because it must be confessed that there is just a possibility that the story of an air smuggler is fact and not fiction. Air smuggling became fairly profitable after the 1914-18 war. Radar may make it more difficult but it has yet to prove that it has made it impracticable.

"The Auk" Is Not Resigning

London, May 18.
It is learned authoritatively tonight that the suggestion that Field Marshal Sir Claude Auchinleck is contemplating resignation as Commander-in-Chief, India, is without foundation.

He came to Britain recently for the commanders' conference at Camberley and will be returning to India in the near future.

The question whether the Indian Army may eventually be divided, it is pointed out, cannot become a practical issue until major decisions on the future form or forms of government in India have been taken by the Indian representatives.—Reuter.

Vatican City, May 18.
Pope Pius today received Bernard Cardinal Griffin, Archbishop of Westminster, and Monsignor Dion MacDaid, rector of the Irish College in Rome, in separate private audiences.—United Press.

Avowed "Progressive" Nominated

Olympia, Washington, May 19.
Charles Savage of Shelton, Washington, an avowed "Progressive" whose supporters linked his name with that of former Vice-President Henry Wallace, won the Democratic nomination for United States Representative for the State's third congressional district in the primary on Saturday.

Savage piled up a lead of nearly 4,000 over State Attorney General Smith Troy, who campaigned vigorously as a "Truman Democrat" and criticized the foreign views of Wallace.

Troy conceded the nomination after an unofficial count in two-thirds of the district which gave Savage 18,000 to 11,000 for Troy.

PEENEMUENDE A WILDERNESS

(By Eric Bourne)
Peenemuende, Isle of Usedom, Baltic Coast, May 18.

This former island paradise, which Hitler converted at a cost of £50,000,000 into a fantastic workshop of death, where he planned to win the war with an army of 11,000 slave workers toiling to turn out V-weapons at the rate of 100,000 a year, is today a wilderness of destruction.

Masses of twisted steel, huge numbers of concrete, piles of rubble and gutted buildings are all that is left of the great rocket arsenal with which Hitler might have won the war but for the heavy delaying blows of the Royal Air Force Bomber Command in the summer of 1945.

Peenemuende is at the northern tip of this 12 mile long narrow island about 60 miles northwest of Stettin. The site was chosen in December, 1935 by Professor Werther von Braun and General Dornberger, head of the German army's rocket research department. Most of the key scientists and technical experts were evacuated before the Peenemuende experimental station was overrun by the Russians.

Rumours untrue
With two other British correspondents I examined the ruined mysteries of this island. We three were the first non-Russian Allied personnel allowed to set foot here since the place fell to Marshal Konstantin Rokossovsky's army in the spring of 1945.

The Russians readily assented to our inspecting whatever we wanted to see. A year ago it was being said that the Peenemuende experimental station was working again as a "secret test ground" for Soviet V weapons. The Russians had erected new barracks and workshops and set up new camouflaged firing points. It was claimed.

Our inspection revealed that the Russians in fact have been and are rapidly completing the process of destruction begun by British bombers.

R.A.F.'s Good Job
The Russians plan to finish the demolition programme some time in June. "When we have finished there will be nothing left at all," Major Vasiliev, commandant of the Peenemuende area, told us.

Major Vasiliev said that the R.A.F. destroyed 70 per cent of the Peenemuende installations. The Russians are blowing up the remainder.

"The Germans took more than five years to create this place," he added. "The R.A.F. knocked it out in ten hours."

The rocket workshops were based on three main complexes, each 400 yards long and several stores high and each complete with firing stands and wind tunnels. On one of these the R.A.F. scored seven direct hits.—Reuter.

MULTI-COLOURED ELEVATORS

New Jersey, May 19.
The Otis Elevator Company says that it is manufacturing two multi-colored highly upholstered elevators ordered by King Ibn Saud of Saudi Arabia for use in the new palace he is building. The elevators will have deep piled carpeted floor and chairs upholstered in white, green and gold satin.—Associated Press.

K.K.K. In Britain, Says Moscow

London, May 18.
A Moscow radio commentator said today that British Fascists were reviving their organisations which were banned during the war "with the import of the Ku Klux Klan into Britain along with United States dollars."

"Despite statements by home officials that incidents will be investigated, Ku Klux Klanners and other British fascists have no reason to be alarmed," he said.

Quoting a recent announcement by the British Home Secretary, Mr. Chuter Ede, that there was no need for further legislative action against Fascist activity, the commentator concluded, "It is not hard to see that such arguments only encourage the British Fascists by utilizing the services of certain sham democrats to intensify their subversive work."—Reuter.

WAR VETS. DEMONSTRATE

Paris, May 18.
Some 300 disabled French war veterans of both world wars today marched along the Paris boulevards to protest against insufficient war pensions.

Although the demonstration was forbidden by the Prefect of Police, the Paris gendarmes did not attempt to use force and the veterans dispersed after holding meetings.—Reuter.

Bucharest, May 18.
Mr. Burton Berry, United States political representative in Rumania, will leave Bucharest tomorrow for Washington to take up the post of adviser to the White House.—Reuter.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

WHITSUN RACE MEETING

Saturday, 24th & Monday 26th May, 1947

The First Half will be run at 2.00 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.30 p.m. each day.

Through numbers (16 Races—155) may be obtained at the office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, and tickets for the Special Cash Sweep (12.00) on the last race of the second day, 26th May.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.
Members are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 each day including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all chits, etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close each day at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Day (Tel. 27614). NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.
The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$2 each day including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Bookmakers, Tea and Refreshment stalls will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting. Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

SERVANTS' PASSES.
Passes for Servants will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY on application to the Secretary, 1st Floor, Exchange Building.

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NOTICE

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Firms applying for Foreign
exchange against the quotas to be
allocated for the period
June/December 1947, are re-
minded that their applications
to the Department of Supplies,
Trade & Industry should con-
tain the full details requested
in the notification published in
the press on the 9th May, 1947.

These details may be sub-
mitted by letter as notified, but
forms are now available at the
Department of Supplies, Trade
& Industry for use, if required,
and will be supplied on request.

All applications, whether by
letter or on forms, should reach
this Department before the 31st
May, 1947.

W. M. THOMSON,
Acting Director.

Department of Supplies,
Trade & Industry,
Hong Kong, 19th May, 1947.

POLICE NOTICE

At approximately 8.45 p.m.
on Saturday, 17th May 1947
an unknown Chinese Female
seriously injured was found ly-
ing in Hennessy Road near the
junction with Tin Lok Lane.

This woman has since died.

Will any person who can
give any information regarding
this incident please go or tele-
phone to the nearest police
station.

Commissioner of POLICE.

HARBOUR DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION

For information of Ship
Operators & Charterers

IT IS HEREBY NOTIFIED
THAT THURSDAY, 16TH
MAY, 1947, HAS BEEN DE-
CLARED A WEATHER NON-
WORKING DAY.

J. JOLLY,
Harbour Master.

Harbour Department,
Hong Kong, 17th May, 1947.

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BY ORDER OF THE DIREC-
TOR OF DISPOSALS FAR
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tween 2.00 p.m. and 4.00 p.m.
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their respective godowns on
19th and 20th May, 1947, be-
tween 10 a.m. and noon and be-
tween 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. In-
spection Permits will be issued
by the Undersigned at his
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A. E. B. DE SOUSA,
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pose of proposing and if
thought fit passing the sub-
joined resolutions as a special
resolution, viz:—

That the Articles of Associa-
tion be altered in the manner
following:—

(a) Article 17 shall be can-
celled

(b) In the third line of
Article 71 the word "two"
shall be substituted for
the word "three"

(c) The following Article shall
be substituted for Article
76 — "76. Subject to any
special terms as to voting
upon which any shares of
the Company may have
been issued or may for
the time being be held,
upon a show of hands
every member present in
person shall have one
vote, and upon a poll
every member present in
person or by proxy shall
have one vote for every
share held by him."

By Order of the Board,

R. G. CRAIG,
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong,
Dated this Ninth day of May,
1947.

THE INDO-CHINA
STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE OF GENERAL MEETING

The SIXTY-SECOND ORD-
INARY ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING of the Company will
be held at the Offices of the
General Managers, Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd.,
Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on
Friday, 27th June, 1947, at
noon, for the purpose of receiv-
ing the Report of the Directors,
passing the Accounts for the
year ended 31st December, 1946,
and electing Directors and
Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the
Company will be closed from
the 20th June, 1947, to the 11th
July, 1947, inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

JARDINE, MATHESON
& CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

Hong Kong, 19th May, 1947.

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LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Ordinary Yearly Gen-
eral Meeting of HONGKONG
TRAMWAYS LIMITED will be
held at the Offices of Messrs.
Jardine, Matheson and Com-
pany, Limited, Hongkong, on
Thursday, the 29th day of May,
1947, at 12 o'clock Noon, to
transact the ordinary business
of the Company.

And, NOTICE IS HEREBY
ALSO GIVEN that the Regis-
ter of Members of the Com-
pany will be closed from the
16th day of May to the 11th
day of June, 1947, both days
inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

W. H. PATERSON,
Secretary

Hongkong, 6th May, 1947.

UNION WATERBOAT
CO., LTD.

Notice is hereby given that the
Thirty-eighth Ordinary General
Meeting of the Company, will
be held at the Offices of Messrs.
Dodwell & Co., Ltd., 3rd floor,
Hongkong Bank Building, on
Wednesday, the 21st May 1947,
at 11 a.m. for the purpose of
receiving the Report and
Statement of Accounts for the
period 1st December 1945 to
31st December 1946.

Notice is also given that the
Transfer Books of the Company
will be closed from the 7th May
1947 to the 31st May 1947,
both days inclusive.

DODWELL & CO. LTD.
General Managers

Britain A Nation Of Gamblers

London, May 19
The Sunday Pictorial
declared that Britain "is
a nation of gamblers and
we might as well admit
it."

"Everyone I know bets," said
Sports Columnist Peter Wilson.
"It is about time we stopped be-
ing a nation of hypocrites and
realise that we are a nation of
punters. We might just as well
get some benefit out of this bet-
ting business."

With sweepstakes on four races
a year, the Grand National, the
Derby, the St. Leger and the
Cambridgehire. Assuming tickets
were 10 shillings the maximum
anyone could lose would be five
pounds a year with first prizes
being about equal to the big
football pool's prizes," Wilson
said.

"Hospitals would benefit. Pro-
fits could be used to provide pro-
per playing fields, recreation cen-
tres and equipment. A percentage
might be diverted to aiding our
bloodstock industry and the small
gambler would be assured of get-
ting a fair run for his money and
a very big though inexpensive
thrill."—Associated Press.

Whitsun No Picnic

London, May 19.
Sir James Milne, general
manager of the Great Western
Railway, in an article in the
"News of the World" warned
that holiday travel this Whit-
sun will be no picnic.

With the 10 per cent reduc-
tion of the summer service "in
order to save coal, all hopes of
providing better facilities than
last year have been shattered,"
he said.

"Coal is not the only diffi-
culty. Little progress has been
made in overtaking the heavy
arrearages of renewals and repairs
..... there are 7,000 fewer
coaches in service than in
1939."

Reservation of seats has had
to go and "all holiday makers,
whether travelling first or third
class," must be prepared to run
the risk of having to stand for
long journeys in corridors and
compartments "even though
they have already stood for
hours in queues before entering
the train," Sir James declared.
—Associated Press.

Political Aspect To Be Studied

Berlin, May 19.
The German court today or-
dered a new trial for Helen
Schwarzel, 44-year-old seam-
stress and clerk who, last Novem-
ber, was sentenced to 15 years
hard labour for betraying Karl
Goerdeler, former Mayor of Leip-
zig.

The court set aside the pre-
vious verdict which also deprived
the defendant of her citizenship
rights for 10 years after she was
convicted of the crime against
humanity.

The court accepted the plea of
her attorney that in the first
trial, no attempt was made to
judge the political ground for her
act, and ordered that the politi-
cal aspects be particularly studied
in the new trial.—Associated
Press.

BBC's Birthday Gift To Queen Mary

London, May 18.
Queen Mary, the oldest but in many respects the
liveliest member of the Royal Family, cele-
brates her 80th birthday on May 26 and as a
birthday present the BBC has asked her to
select an entire evening's radio entertainment
for all Britain.

The stately Queen Mother,
whose tragic fate and personal
life have fascinated the world, over-
promptly drew up a list that
showed she is as avid a radio fan
as she is for plays and films—
whether or not they are appro-
ved for her by her ladies-in-wait-
ing.

After scanning it, BBC officials
said they expected the record-
breaking figure set for the win-
ning speech by Mr. Winston
Churchill to be broken.

William Hayley, Director-General
of the BBC, said that she particularly
liked listening to mystery thrillers
and Agatha Christie, her favour-
ite author, has been commissioned
to write a real spine-chiller.
Britannia's favourite comedians
will perform and there will be an
oldtime dance programme of num-
bers popular when the Queen
Mother was the beautiful Prin-
cess of York.
The list also demonstrates that
in whatever she does Queen Mary
never forgets the obligations of
the Royal Family. Diplomatically
she has asked for a show from
Wales, played from Scotland and
traditional Irish "lads and
lasses."

ANTI-SOVIET CAMPAIGN IN THE BRITISH ZONE?

Berlin, May 18.
A report hinting that British officials responsible
for the German press and radio in the British
zone of Germany and British sector of Berlin
had been ordered to start an anti-Soviet press
campaign was published today on the front-
page of the Russian licensed "Berliner
Zeitung."

Apparently referring to the passage through Ber-
lin of Mr. Ernest Bevin on his way home from
the Moscow meeting of the Council of Foreign
Ministers, the newspaper said that it had
learned "from authoritative sources that on
the occasion of a prominent personality of
one of the occupying powers passing through
Berlin at the end of April, talks were held with
representatives of the Military Government of
this power."

"During these talks, officials
controlling the German press
and radio received orders to
start a new anti-Soviet cam-
paign in the Berlin press of the
sector concerned, and that of
the corresponding zone."

"The aim of this campaign
was to discredit the policy of
the Soviet Union and that of
the Soviet occupation authori-
ties. In this connection the
newspapers have already received
instructions to publish all
sorts of fantastic reports such
as the alleged mass arrests of
'innocent persons' in the Soviet
zone, and the placing of mem-
bers of the Social Democratic
Party and other 'fighters
against Hitler' in former con-
centration camps, etc."

Waiting Word

"It is further intended to
conduct a campaign against
personalities in the public eye,
members of the Socialist Unity
Party (fusion of Social De-
mocrats and Communists in the
Russian zone), who formerly
played an active part in the
National Committee of Free
Germany (Moscow organiza-
tion of captive German generals
led by Lieutenant-General
Walter von Seidlitz and later
joined by Field-Marshal Paulus,
German commander at Stalingrad). Material is to be
published about these persons
to show that they are nothing
more than agents of the
Comintern in Germany."

"Der Telegraf" (chief British
licensed newspaper in Berlin)
is to play the leading part in
this anti-Soviet campaign in
Berlin and newspapers only
await the word 'go'."

The reference to "Der
Telegraf" was the only indica-
tion of the occupying power to
which the "Berliner Zeitung"
referred.
A British official here said
today: "It is not stated
whether a British personage
is meant. If that is the meaning
the allegation is untrue."

Just Rubbish

"Another British official said
that if Mr. Bevin was the per-
son referred to the report was
"complete rubbish." "No such
conversations were held and no
such instructions were given,"
he added.

"It has been evident for a
very long time that we have
been increasingly replying to
charges made against us," the
same spokesman added, "and
we intend to go on doing so
and put the boot on the other
foot where possible."

"That policy has been de-
veloping for some months but
there have been no instruc-
tions given or plans laid such
as those alleged."

Other official sources declin-
ed to make any comment but it
was known that leading mem-
bers of the information services
control group were conferring

NO SMOKING

Bishop Auckland, May 18.
Cabinet Ministers who used
to smoke at meetings have
bowed to Budget Day last
April 16, when the Chan-
cellor of the Exchequer, Mr.
Hugh Dalton, announced a
jump in the tobacco tax mak-
ing 20 cigarettes sell for
3s. 4d.

"I am glad to tell you that
there is now a strict rule
against smoking at these
meetings," Mr. Dalton said
smilingly in a speech today.
—Reuter.

Drastic Measure

Nagpur, May 18.

A decree providing for the
death penalty for persons
guilty of attempts at murder
was promulgated by Sir Fre-
derick Bourne, the Governor,
here today.

This was one of the drastic
measures now being taken by
the Central Provinces and the
Bihar Government to prevent
the outbreak of communal dis-
turbances.

Persons found guilty of stab-
bing will be punished by death
or deportation for life, and
persons contravening any order
prohibiting the carrying of
weapons will be whipped.

The Government has also
taken powers to constitute spe-
cial courts in the disturbed
areas where the provisions of
the new decree have to be ap-
plied.—Reuter.

Klemperer To Sue Paris Opera

Paris, May 18.

Otto Klemperer, former con-
ductor of the Los Angeles
Philharmonic Orchestra, an-
nounced today he plans to file
suit against the Paris Opera
for \$26,000 for breach of con-
tract.

Klemperer had been engaged
by the state-owned Paris Opera
to conduct the first of four
performances in a post-war re-
vival of German opera in the
French capital. Lohengrin
opened last night under the
baton of French conductor
Louis Fouratiere.

The German musician, who
was one of the first to flee from
the Nazis in 1933, said his
contract had been cancelled fol-
lowing a dispute with the man-
agement because it did not be-
lieve he was not in sufficiently
good health to give the per-
formance.—United Press.

One of Germany's most pro-
gressive composers, Klemperer
left for America when the Nazis
came into power. From 1935 on-
wards, he conducted the Los An-
geles Philharmonic and also led
the New York Philharmonic for
part of several seasons.

Australia Challenges U.S. Claim

Sydney, May 18.

Australia will chal-
lenge the United States
claims to 30 per cent of
all available Japanese
internal industrial plant
made available for re-
parations, it is learned
reliably here.

The Federal Government will
object to any arbitrary assess-
ments of Japan's resources, con-
tending that the only place suit-
able for reparations is at the
final peace conference.

Officials in Canberra consider
that neither the United States
Government nor the Far Eastern
Commission have jurisdiction to
dictate what proportions
of Japan's assets are to be distrib-
uted in reparations.

General MacArthur has given
the United States Government the
go-ahead sign to their plan to
divide these interim reparations
in the ratio, 15 per cent to China,
and five per cent to Britain, the
Philippines, and the Netherlands.

South African Nazis Being Deported

Capetown, May 18.

South Africa's Deportation
Commission, which has been
studying the infiltration of the
Nazi Party, has recommended that
254 persons—197 of them from
the former German territory of
South-west Africa—be deported.
The Commission also advised
that 107 people, 77 from South-
west Africa, be placed on the sus-
pended list and, for a period, be
kept under some form of re-
straint.

The Commission's report said
that by 1933, that Nazi Party of
Southwest Africa became domi-
nant and aggressive, stretching to
every part of the former German
territory.—Reuter.

GUERRILLA CHIEF KILLED

Athens, May 18.

A guerrilla chief, Captain
Tigris, was among a band of
12 killed by Greek troops in the
village of Kipouris, near
Geneva, in northwest Greece.

In two other villages, 13
guerrillas were killed, five sur-
rendered and seven others
were captured—two of them
women—as mopping up opera-
tions proceeded with the co-
operation of the peasants, the
report said.—Reuter.

Nice, May 18.
The aged King Gustav of
Sweden left here today for
Paris on his way home to
Stockholm after a two months'
stay on the Riviera.—Reuter.

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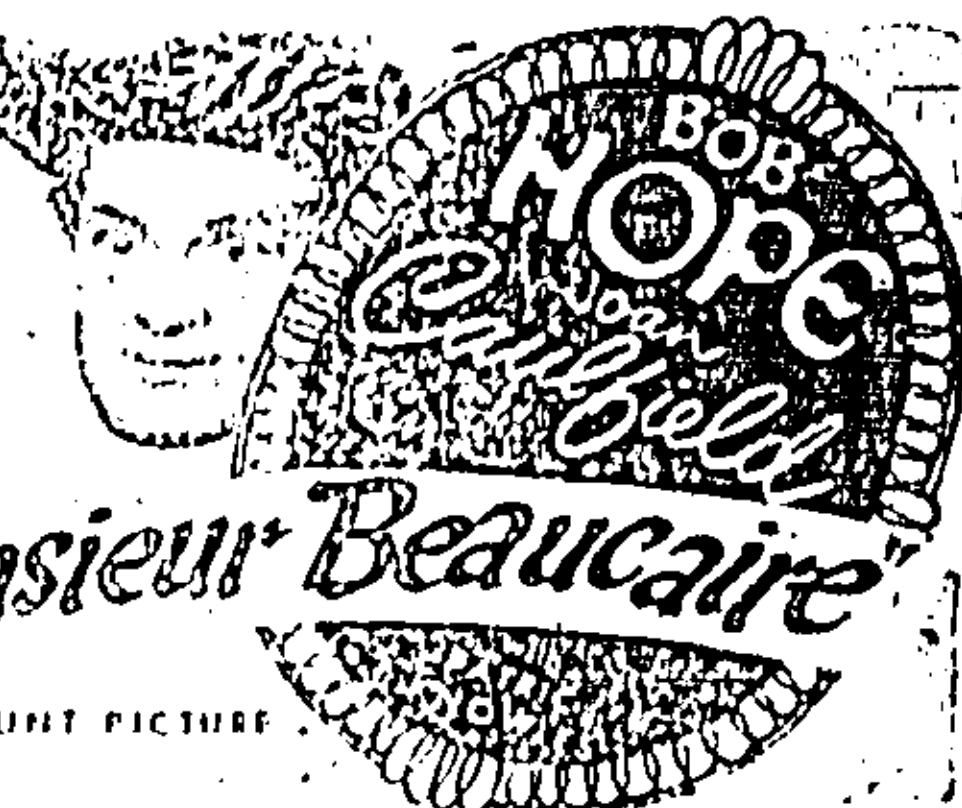
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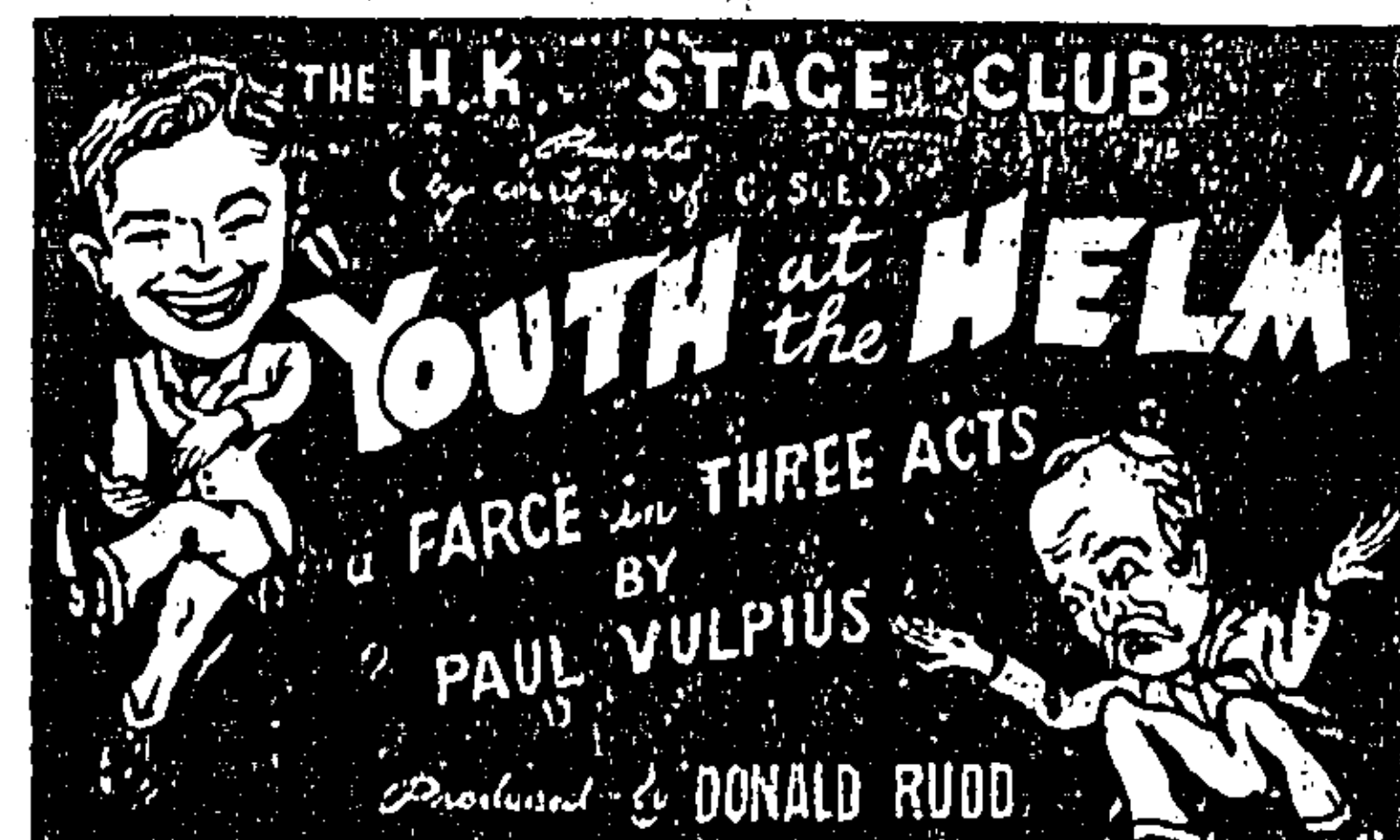
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R.A.F. OFFICER IN COURT

Alleged Incident On "Night Star"

Judgment To Be Given Today

Judgment was reserved until this morning by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday in the case in which A. F. Dorward, an officer in the R.A.F., was charged with piloting the "Night Star" to the danger and inconvenience of the passengers on board and to the danger of other craft in the Harbour at 1.30 a.m. on May 4.

The present count against Dorward was the fourth one in connection with the incident in which he was charged and three brother-officers allegedly took the "Night Star" for a joy ride.

Before Mr. Latimer last week, the four defendants were each fined a total of \$250 for interfering with the safe navigation of the harbour, evading payment of legal fees, and boarding the boat while it was in motion.

Evidence given by Mr. W. E. Kothew, Inspector employed by the Star Ferry, at yesterday's hearing was to the effect that when he went down to the lower deck to investigate the reason for the signals given on the whistle and the lurching of the launch, he found defendant standing at the dead centre of the steering wheel in the wheelhouse with both hands gripping the wheel brakes.

Alleged Remarks

After witness had revealed his identity, Dorward was alleged to have stated, "Don't get annoyed, old chap." When informed by the Inspector that "You are not more than 200 yards from the wharf, head-on, going at full speed (10 to 12 knots), and with 200 passengers on board," defendant was alleged by witness to have replied, "No harm, old chap. I know a bit about navigation myself. I have crossed over on several Star ferries—and am interested to learn the knack of how your coxswains are able to bring them alongside."

When the coxswains had regained possession of the wheel, said witness, they cleared the wharf by four or five yards and the "Northern Star," which was tied alongside the wharf, by about ten yards. They finally got the launch in position alongside.

Describing the journey across the Harbour, witness declared that while he was on the upper deck he felt the launch turn sharply to port and so head directly towards the Kowloon Wharf. Shortly after, the boat swung to starboard. Directly ahead, on the starboard flank, he saw a 16-passenger motorboat going in the same direction as the ferry.

The motorboat, said Mr. Rothwell, changed its direction to due ahead to the pier and, when it was near the pier, swerved to the motorboat anchorage thereby cutting directly across the bow of the launch. The smaller craft was then about 600 yards ahead.

Officer's Evidence

In reply to Mr. G. S. Hughes, for the defence, witness said that a man holding the wheel at shoulder height could move it against two men holding it down.

Corroborative evidence was given by the two coxswains. Giving evidence on his own behalf, accused admitted that he was in the wheelhouse at the material time but denied that he took charge of the wheel or moved it in any way. He left the wheelhouse, in company with his brother-officers, immediately they were asked to do so by Mr. Rothwell.

Of the 12 smokers arrested by DSI Morrison during these two

raids on May 18, nine appeared in Court and were fined \$15 each, while the three absentees forfeited their bail of \$25.

Three pipes, five lamps and 13 small pots of opium were seized, said Inspector J. Orem.

Found with five mace of raw opium tied to his waist, Wong Pui-kan was fined \$50 or one month's imprisonment when he appeared before Mr. Latimer yesterday.

Inspector Orem informed His Worship that accused was arrested at the K.C.R. Station at 9.45 p.m. or May 17.

A party of detectives, under DSI Sykes, raided 204 and 280 Portland Street, first floor, and took into custody Tong Chiu and Tong Lau, the keepers, and 23 smokers. Eight pipes, 8 lamps and 41 small pots of opium were seized.

The keepers were fined \$300 and \$440 or four months, respectively, while 10 of the smokers were fined \$15 each. Seven absentees had their bail of \$25 each forfeited by Mr. Blair-Kerr.

Ting Kam-shun, keeper of a divan at 407 Reclamation Street, first floor, raided by SI Stewart and party of Police on May 18, was fined a total of \$500, while the 12 smokers were mulcted in the sum of \$15 each or seven days imprisonment.

Another case before Mr. Blair-Kerr, Cheung Wah was fined \$430, or four months' hard labour, for keeping 306 Reclamation Street, first floor, as an opium divan. The 14 smokers were fined \$15 each. The raid was carried out by SI Stewart.

The 14 pipes, 22 lamps and 68 small pots of opium seized in these two premises were, on the application of SI Walter Collins, confiscated.

Also before Mr. Latimer were Nip Shi, charged with keeping a divan at 120 Shanghai Street, first floor, and Keung Tin-yan, charged with keeping a divan at 40 Temple Street, second floor, and possession of one mace of prepared opium. Nip was fined \$100 and Keung \$110, the alternative in both cases being six weeks' imprisonment.

Of the 12 smokers arrested by DSI Morrison during these two

CAR THIEVES AT WORK

What would appear to have been a theft carried out by a well-organized gang of car thieves occurred on Friday, May 16, at about 1.30 p.m. when a black Vauxhall 10 Saloon (No. 1912) was stolen from Garden Road while the owner was at lunch. The car was locked, but the thieves are apparently in possession of a selection of duplicate keys.

Car owners should realize that locking their cars is only a partial protection against this form of theft. The theft must have been planned in advance as, although the loss was discovered within 30 minutes, no trace of the car has been found.

bers to the Legislative Yuan and the National Assembly.

"An elected supervisory body, the Kwangtung Assembly is adopting measures to put democracy into effect in this province," Speaker Lin added. "Our programme is to carry out the letter and spirit of the constitution, and specifically ways and means have to be found to improve the economic conditions of the masses."

"In this connection, we expect that the United States will continue to give help to China, which is working for world peace and equality."—Associated Press.

Big Strike Threat

Jerusalem, May 19. The British authorities today faced a threat of the largest strike ever called in the Middle East—a one-day walkout tomorrow of 30,000 Arab and 10,000 Jewish employees of the Army.

The 30,000 workers will strike in support of demands for wage increases, union recognition of the Labour Statute and severance pay. They claim they have not had any pay boost for six years.

If the demands of the strike, which will be accompanied by mass meetings, are not met, the workers threaten to call additional walkouts.

The workers are employed in Ordnance and Service Corps workshops and at Army camps in Haifa and Tel-Aviv.—United Press.

Colombo Strike Over

Colombo, May 19. Approximately 1,000 Colombo Municipal employees, all of whom receive pay by the month, returned to work ending their four-day strike after the Municipal Council granted their demands for increased pay and better working conditions.

Some 5,000 other workers who are paid by the day including tram operators, remained on strike but there were some indications that a settlement might be reached by Monday night. All workers in Kandy and Galle municipalities, who struck in sympathy with the Colombo Union, resumed work on Monday morning.

Meanwhile, 400 workers in two engineering firms, at Colombo walked out demanding 25 per cent pay increase.—Associated Press.

A JAPANESE DENIAL

Tokyo, May 19. The Japanese Foreign Office spokesman today denied the report that Japan was asking for establishment of an army of 100,000 men and a small air force, "to maintain internal order and prevent outbreaks of disease and smuggling."

The original report—from a Japanese Foreign Office source—was that Japan was asking permission for an army of 100,000 men, to take over the work of the American and British armies when the occupation ends.—Reuter.

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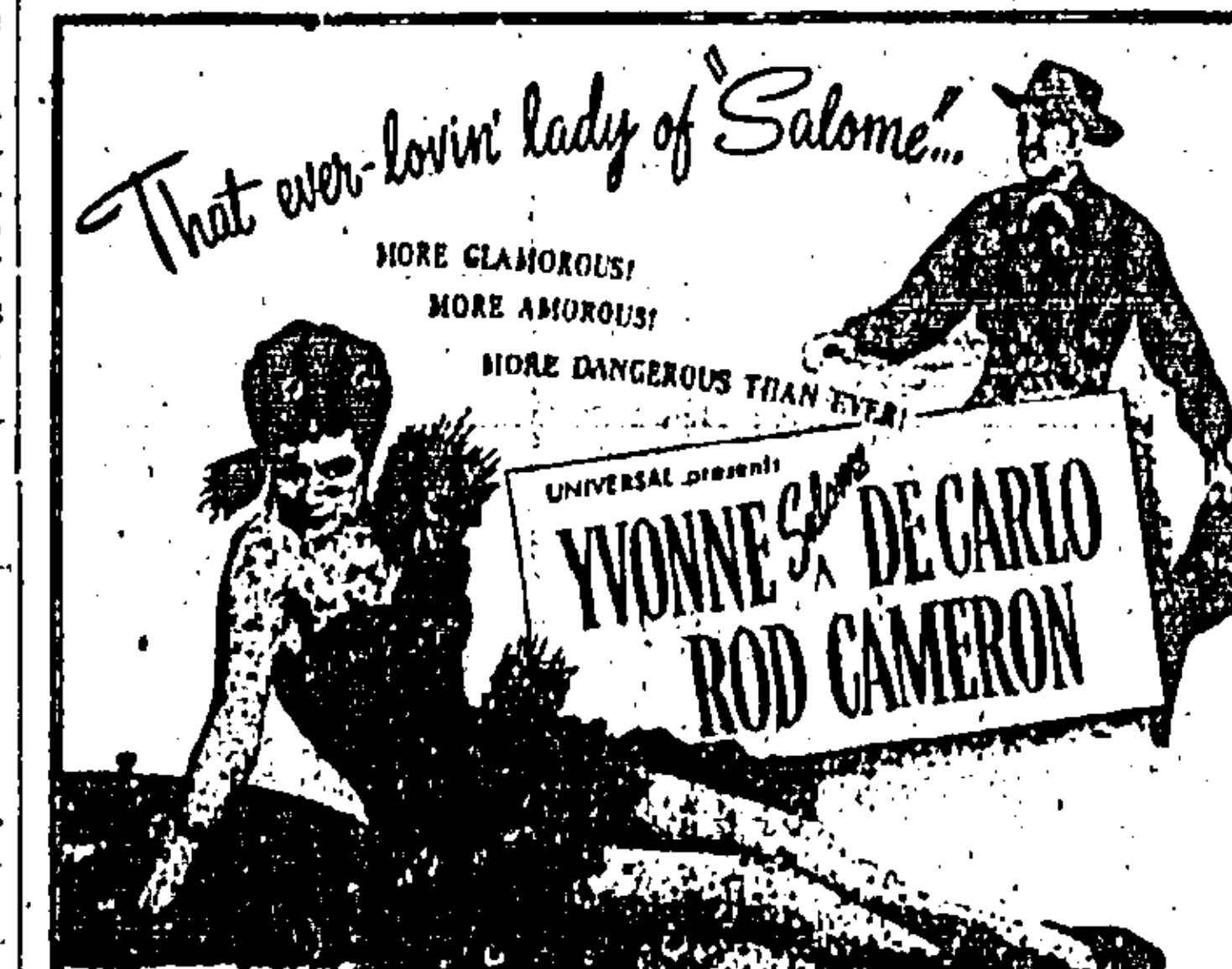
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HUME—At Sydney, on 15th May 1947, to Kathleen (nee Fisher) and Leonard, a son, John Malcolm.

FINAL STAGES

Lord Louis Mountbatten's flying trip to England can have only one meaning, that the final plans are being framed for the transfer of power to an Indian government, or governments. The greatest handicap encountered by Lord Mountbatten in his tireless endeavours to secure relaxation of the communal tension has been the difficulty of arranging any political understanding between the Congress Party and Mr. Jinnah. Reluctant acceptance by the Congress Party of the hypothesis that India may, after all, have to be divided into Hindu and Muslim majority areas, though it is a notable concession to the political reality, brings its leaders no closer to Mr. Jinnah, who stands firmly for a Pakistan which is based upon groups B and C of the Cabinet Mission's plan and includes an undivided Punjab and an integral Bengal. Until there is some sort of agreement—even agreement to differ amicably—between the leaders on each side, their followers will not easily be induced to forgo rioting and massacre on a scale which makes political planning difficult. Yet it is plain that there can be no further delay on the British side in arranging the successive steps entailed in the process of transferring power, and the discussions this week between the Viceroy and the "Indian" members of the Cabinet, headed by Mr. Attlee, centre upon this problem. There are various methods of approaching it. The best is still the Cabinet Mission's plan since it affords the only means of reconciling administrative unity at the centre with guarantees of effective political existence for the Muslims. But if this proves impracticable, and the unity of India cannot be formally maintained, division in one shape or another is the only alternative. At the moment, attention in India is increasingly directed towards schemes of partition. Every such scheme complicates the transference of power from British hands while affording no relaxation of the rigidity of the time limit. Somehow the process must be completed in thirteen months, and a beginning must be made forthwith. Britain cannot choose for India. All she can do is emphasise the urgency of a decision, to set before the Indian leaders the possibilities that lie open to them, and then frame her programme for the devolution of power in accordance with their choice.

WORDS AND DEEDS

No conflict between precept and practice could be imagined more sharp than that between the sentiments expressed by Marshal Stalin in his recent interview with Mr. Harold Stassen and the policy pursued by Russia within the United Nations Military Staff Committee. At the moment the Soviet leader's appeal to the United States for co-operation was published, the world was appraised of yet another instance in which a Russian delegate has blocked what was widely held to be a hopeful road to greater international collaboration. From the beginning, the teeth with which the United Nations organisation was to be fitted were never likely to be very formidable owing to the limitations which were embodied in the Charter itself. There was never a possibility, under that constitution, of anything approaching a supernatural force. The Russian insistence upon equal contingents from each of the five Powers is a further and very severe limitation, for in effect it means that the U.S. can contribute no more than China can afford. The refusal to regard

MAN BEHIND THE GUN!

By Edwin Roth

Thousands of detectives and policemen are scouring the haunts of London's criminals for the gang of gunmen who recently have been carrying out a series of armed robberies and who do not hesitate to shoot when threatened with capture.

This is the first time that the words "Stick 'em up!" have jumped from the movie screen to the serious vocabulary of London's underworld, and the men of Scotland Yard, fighting their biggest battle against organized crime, are seriously worried. They know that unless these trigger-happy bandits are brought to book swiftly the shooting habit will grow among Britain's criminals.

Guns are cheap and easily available in London, for an enormous number of military weapons are still in private possession. A serviceable gun may be bought for as little as £2/10, and a very good one costs but £5. But most of London's habitual criminals so far have fought shy of using fire-arms and have contented themselves with an increasing number of "smash and grab" raids on jewellers' shop windows, burglaries, thefts and black market activities.

Chicago Methods

Chicago gangster methods were introduced recently by a number of dangerous criminals, almost all of them Service deserters, who are known to be at large in London. Some of them are said to run "schools for gangsters," and

it is possible for big-time criminals to hire gangs of armed desperadoes for certain "jobs." In an all-out attempt to round up these men, Scotland Yard has dropped routine inquiries on minor crimes to concentrate its entire forces on the job of preventing London from becoming another Chicago and convincing the underworld that "shooting it out" is not an easy way of avoiding capture.

Here are some of the Gunmen's recent activities:

April 14: Six gunmen held up the attendant of a West London garage. While some of them failed to get the premises, others attended to customers who thought that everything was normal. The bandits then tied up the attendant, loaded a 754 pound safe into a motor car and drove away before an alarm could be given.

April 25: Three gunmen entered a West London Jeweller's shop; two of them covered assistants and customers while the third took £5,000 worth of watches and gems. Then, with guns in hand, they raced through a crowd of shoppers and made their getaway.

Four Shots

April 30: At 3 a.m. a policeman surprised three men attempting to break into a West End gown shop. As they fled they fired four shots at him and got away. They narrowly missed hitting the policeman and the four bullets were found in a shop window.

On the same day, at 2.30 p.m., three gunmen tried to rob a pawn shop, in Charlotte street, a back street less than 200 yards from one of London's biggest police stations. Shop assistants managed to get into the street and shouted for help, and a passing motorcyclist, 24 year old Alex de Antiquis, father of six children, tried to intercept them on his motorcycle and was shot dead.

May 5: While policemen and detectives throughout London were hunting for the de Antiquis killers, Scotland Yard received a 4 a.m. telephone report from the residential St. John's Wood district that men were trying to break into a house. A radio car was sent at once and the men fired several shots at the police, none of whom was hit. One of the men was captured and the other two escaped.

Immediately after the Charlotte street murder, Scotland Yard took the unprecedented step of appealing directly to the underworld for help to capture the gunmen responsible for slaying de Antiquis.

"Somebody, somewhere, knows who did this job," said an official Yard spokesman. "Somebody, somewhere, is giving them shelter."

We ask them to come forward and go to the police at once. Their confidence will be respected.

Scotland Yard based this appeal for an alliance with the underworld on the known dislike of the ordinary London criminal for the gunmen. Every member of the underworld knows that until the gunmen are caught "the heat is on."

Detectives are continually patrolling the underworld's cafes, nightclubs and billiard parlours, asking questions and observing, closer than usual, the movements of known criminals. There is little doubt that most of the minor criminals will breathe a sigh of relief when the killers are caught, and some of them already have given valuable clues to the police. When the gunmen are brought to justice it will be due in no small measure to the help given the police by the underworld.

Apart from doubling the crew of every patrol car, Scotland Yard has taken the step—unusual in England—of arming detectives and policemen who are hunting for the gunmen. Detectives told this correspondent that the gunmen, whose identity they believe they know, are likely to try to shoot it out with the police when cornered, and they intend to take no chances.—United Press.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Him say wanna trade candles for soap—say wicks give-um indigestion!"

Submarines In The Pacific War

By GEORGE MCCADDEN

A Bataan survivor who established the Allied Intelligence Bureau in the Pacific war credits the submarine with making possible General MacArthur's spy-and-guerilla network in the Philippines.

Lt. Col. Allison Ind, 34, of Ann Arbor, Mich., writer, told of the work of the subs, before going home at the end of five years and ten months overseas duty in the Pacific.

Without the Navy's undersea craft, he said, MacArthur would not have been able to set up the espionage network, equip guerrillas, and get intelligence vital to invasion.

Along with the subs, especially the 3,000-ton Nautilus and Norwahi, Ind gave unstinting praise to the Filipinos. "An espionage net in the Philippines was made possible only by the great work of the Philippine population," he explained. "They were magnificent in the face of death."

The nine overseas bars and the numerous decorations on his battlejacket began, accumulating when he landed at

headquarters of the notorious Kemmatal, Japanese police. "He hid the drawings in a newspaper which he stuck in his pants pocket in open view, and on his way out stopped in the hallway to talk to a sentry," Ind said.

With this kind of support, he said, the AIB before Leyte was invaded on Oct. 20, 1944, had set up 80 coast watch and espionage reporting stations in the Philippines. Sixteen of these stations had radio powerful enough to send weather reports daily to GHQ far to the south. About 18,000 Filipino guerrillas were armed and equipped in varying degrees. Submarines carried the arms and supplies for these activities.

Judgment Seat
Ind is author of "Bataan, The Judgment Seat." He was a member of the 6th Interceptor Command in Luzon, later established the intelligence office of the 6th Air Force before Pearl Harbor, and made confidential surveys in Java and Malaya as well as Australia before the Japanese attack on Dec. 8, 1941.

He left Bataan on the night of March 10-11, 17 hours ahead of MacArthur, in an old commercial Bellanca airplane. At Mindanao he transferred to Flying Fortresses that carried the general and his party to Australia.

Ind was aide to General Harold George, and is the only survivor of an air crash at Batecher Field, 70 miles south of Darwin, in April, 1942, which killed the air force general and Melville Jacoby, an American war correspondent.

He then established the intelligence bureau, conceived by MacArthur to reopen contact with enemy-occupied countries, notably the Philippines. Later he was deputy controller, and chief of the Philippine section of the agency. The AIB coordinated, controlled and supplied several companion organizations of America's partners in the Pacific war, and in which, he said, Australians, Dutch and other contributed immeasurably.

Shining Feat
His final assignments were liaison officer for the American army in Melbourne, and historian of the U.S. Foreign Liquidation Commission in Australia.

One of the shining feats of spying he recalls was accomplished by an unused Filipino. This agent smuggled a set of drawings of the defence of Nichols Field, Manila, from the

American ex-servicemen who may be thinking of returning to Australia were cautioned by Ind not to be too optimistic. "The average GI was a fair-haired boy in wartime down here, with his pockets bulging with money. He enjoyed top priorities. But in these grim days of peace he is simply another foreigner competing with the Australian in the Aussie's own country for a living."

"Opportunities exist here, but they are eagerly sought by the Australian, too. Let no American think he can come here and convert Australia to the high-powered, high speed American way of living and doing business."

"I think the Australians, however, have something. They have learned to enjoy what they have. Perhaps an admixture of American and Australian ways would be better on both sides of the Pacific."

Ind is making a leisurely return home by air via Singapore, India and Europe.—United Press.

BARCLAY ON BRIDGE

By Shepard Barclay
"The Authority on Authorities"

BETWEEN TWO CRUSHERS

If there is any one thing a bidder wants to avoid most of all, it is getting himself doubled when sitting between two crushers. This is why an opener of the auction should be extremely gingerly about bidding on the second round after both opponents have taken positive action and his own partner has passed, thereby indicating the possibility of a worthless hand. If the opener can bid a different suit from his first, he can be a bit more venturesome, as he thus offers his partner an option.

At Table 3, North and South treated an immediate bid over an intervening double as showing enough playing tricks for safety, but definite lack of high card strength to impede strong opponents. After West doubled, it was set just one trick. Even getting set a couple would have left North and South in a top score position.

Tomorrow's Problem

S A K 6 4 2
H A 10 7
D 10 2
C A 9 8

S None
H K Q J 8
G 2
DK
C J 10 7 4 3 2

S None
H K Q J 8
G 2
DK
C J 10 7 4 3 2

S 7 7
H 9 6 4 3
D Q J 8 6 5 4
C 6

(Dealer: West. Neither side vulnerable.)

After North's 1-Spade, how many bidding variations can you safely imagine on this break?

(Dealer: North. Neither side vulnerable.)

1. North East South West
1C Dbl Pass 1D
2C Dbl Pass 1D
3. 1C Dbl Pass 3H

Employing conventions widely in use, the South player at Tables 1 and 2 passed East's information double for a takeout. At the first table, North did not realize his danger between two possibly strong hands, so rebid his clubs on the second round. He got himself doubled and set four tricks for a bottom score in the duplicate, with East and West scoring a top in their direction at 700 points.

At Table 2, North ducked the risk of a rebid, explaining later that, with the very modest hand he held, he would not rebid unless he had a two suiter, so that naming the other would give his partner a choice between suits. There the opponents got into a No Trump game without difficulty and made it with a couple of extra tricks for a score of 400, including the 500-point game premium.

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Egyptian Premier Replies To Mr. Bevin

QUEST FOR A WIDOW

Southampton, May 18. The city's wartime Mayor, Mr. R. J. Stranger, on a quest for the widow of the millionth United States soldier to pass through Southampton during the war, Sergeant Shinner, from Chamberburg, Pennsylvania, left today on the New York-bound liner, Queen Elizabeth.

Mr. Stranger plans to open a trust fund for the 6-year-old daughter of Sergeant Shinner, who was killed in action in Germany, Reuter.

Demands Withdrawal Of British Troops

Cairo, May 18. Fahmy Nokrashy, Premier of Egypt, declared in a statement tonight that "the continued presence of British troops infringes upon the sovereignty of a free and undefeated nation."

He was replying to Mr. Ernest Bevin's references to Egypt in the House of Commons on Friday.

Mr. Bevin had stated that the reason British troops were not withdrawn from Egypt, immediately after the war was because the country was a great transit area and, therefore, the whole of the return of the British commonwealth to a peace-time military footing was bound up largely with it.

This had been recognized earlier by Sidney Pasha, the then Premier, but now that Britain's condition of withdrawal had been rejected by Egypt, Britain, he said, had no choice.

An attempt to negotiate revision of the treaty has failed and Nokrashy Pasha's statement declared that Egypt cannot accept continuation of the original treaty.

1936 Treaty

"The British say they are prepared to evacuate, provided that Egypt agrees to the kind of treaty they desire," he said. "They say that unless that treaty is signed, the 1936 treaty will remain in force, which means that British troops will remain in Egypt."

"The 1936 treaty was concluded under special circumstances, which no longer exist. The year, which then was imminent, ended long ago."

"In these and other connections the treaty has fulfilled its objectives. We cannot accept the continuation in force of any treaty which is contrary to the Charter of the United Nations."

"The British Government knew very well," the statement continued, "that the maintenance of their troops in our country is against the will of the people."

The Sudan

"We demand unconditionally that these troops be completely and immediately withdrawn, and that this withdrawal be not dependent upon the revision of the old treaty, or the conclusion of a new one."

Accusing Britain of pursuing a policy of encouraging the Sudanese to secede from Egypt, the Premier's statement said: "This policy is hostile both to Egypt and the Sudan. Unity with Egypt will enable the Sudanese to run their own affairs in the way they themselves deem best."

"British troops in the Sudan are the result of the earlier British occupation of Egypt."

"We are going to the United Nations to obtain a just settlement of our dispute with Great Britain. The principle of the sovereign equality of all its members, on which the United Nations Organisation was founded, will guarantee Egypt her rights," the statement said.

Death-Blow

Mr. Bevin's statement to Parliament during the course of the foreign affairs debate, was regarded here as a death-blow to the hopes of re-opening the Anglo-Egyptian treaty revision negotiations, and it was thought that "unless a miracle happens" the Egyptians are committed to taking their case to the United Nations Security Council.

Meanwhile, the Alexandria police were alerted to prevent any possible student disturbances tomorrow after stopping students who tried to leave the Faruk University to demonstrate in the town.

The students shouted slogans referring to the statements of Mr. Bevin and the former Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, on Egypt.—Reuter.

Well, Which Is Right?

Kansas City, May 19. President Harry Truman was cheered yesterday morning by news from the bedside of his 94-year-old mother. Mrs. Martha Truman, who, the President was told, has definitely improved after falling on Saturday.

Mrs. Truman fractured her right hip in a fall in her home in February. The bulletin said she slept well overnight and her pulse is normal.—Associated Press.

Or This

Grandview, MO., May 19. President Harry Truman's 94-year-old mother took a turn for the worse last on Sunday after an unexpected rally, leaving her condition grave.

The President is maintaining a constant vigil at her bedside.—Associated Press.

Jewish Activity In U.S.

London, May 19. The British Government is making its views "very plain" to the United States State Department about the activities of the American League for a Free Palestine which, according to Labour Member Major Bruce in the House of Commons today, had pledged itself to raise a large sum of money before July 4 to reinforce the underground resistance against British law in Palestine.

Repeated representations have been made in Washington, and the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, is still awaiting a reply. The Under-Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Christopher Mayhew, gave these facts in a parliamentary reply today.—Reuter.

Vietnam Reply To France

Salgon, May 19. The Government of Dr. Ho Chi Minh was not the "monopoly" of any single party but represented the whole Vietnamese nation, declared Dr. Ho Chi Minh's official spokesman in a news commentary broadcast by the Vietnam controlled radio last night.

The spokesman denied the "assumption of the French High Commissioner, M. Emile Bollaert, that no one party can be regarded as in possession of exclusive prerogative to speak on behalf of the whole country."

The announcer added: "Dr. Ho Chi Minh's Government is composed of all patriotic nationalist elements and organisations, which are represented in the Vietnamese National Assembly by members duly elected by normal democratic process."—Reuter.

MAN-HUNT FOR MURDERER

Paris, May 19. The greatest post-war man-hunt in France is on for bare-headed, bare-footed, ankle-shackled Stanislas Wazlewski, 25-year-old Polish murderer of 19 people, who escaped from Montauban gaol, near Toulouse, after beating his warder to the point of death with an iron bar wrenched from the window of the condemned cell.

Three thousand police have been drafted to the Haut Caronne district where the fugitive is believed hiding in a forest 20 miles long while awaiting an opportunity to cut his chains. Bloodhounds, radio cars and saddle herds are being used by armed police to draw the net tight on their quarry before he fulfils his sworn determination to kill again before keeping his rendezvous with the gallotine.

Hundreds of villagers in the vicinity have bolted their doors and kept their children from school. Farm work has been brought to a standstill. People are not venturing out by day or night for fear of meeting the Polish ogre who has confessed he slays "for fun."

A Sadist

Wazlewski has been likened to the British murderer Neville Heath for the sadistic pleasure he gets out of indiscriminate slaughter, and to Landru, the French Bluebeard, for the number and frightfulness of his crimes.

While awaiting execution in the little gaol at Montauban, Wazlewski, who wears a continuous smiling, but inscrutable smile, tore an iron bar from the grill separating his cell from another in which his warder, M. Paul Lacoste, was keeping day and night vigil. He struck the warder senseless, took the keys from the body and let himself out into the terrified gaze of Mme. Lacoste, the warder's wife. The day before, Wazlewski had told French reporters that he was not worried about the death sentence as he intended to escape within 24 hours.—Our Own Correspondent.

Student Situation Worsens

(Continued from Page 1) Indirectly been abetting such movements," Generalissimo Chiang said.

He pointed out that the system of granting living allowances to students is a wartime measure and the students must realize that the funds for support come from the "tolling masses." The students were asked to realize that the poor people today are surviving on pitifully little.

Warning that further acts of disorder will be punished severely, Chiang said, "I wish today particularly to call the attention of all our students that subversive Communist elements planted in various colleges and schools are resorting to subterfuges and slogans to instigate or aggravate student riots with the sole object of undermining social order at the expense of unsuspecting youths, and the students should, therefore, exercise their sense of perception and examine carefully so as not to allow themselves to be coerced or misled by treacherous and undesirable elements."—United Press.

New Mandate

Nanking, May 19. A six-point provisional measure for maintaining order was adopted by the State Council at its first extraordinary meeting held today.

The six points are: 1. When any public body or student body has any request to make to the Government it should petition the local authorities to submit its request to the competent authority and may not petition the competent authority directly, bypassing the local authority.

2. When any public body or student body makes a petition, it should send a delegation to the competent authorities to present its opinions but the number of the delegation shall be limited to ten persons. It may not assemble large numbers and resort to coercion. Those who violate this ruling shall be dispersed in accordance with the provision of Article 149 of the Criminal Code.

3. If students declare a strike or stage a demonstration or otherwise disturb public peace, the local competent administrative authority should take necessary measures to cope with them or disperse them.

4. If any public body or student body, acting in violation of the stipulation of the various articles above, disturbs public peace and order, disrupts communications, damages public or private property or inflicts bodily harm on other persons, the local government authority, should take emergency measures to cope with it effectively.

5. If any public body declares a strike or stages a demonstration or otherwise disturbs public peace, the Administrative authority having jurisdiction shall take the necessary emergency measures to cope with it or disperse the said body.

6. The measures shall become effective on the day of their promulgation.

The measures were promulgated in a Government mandate issued last night.—Central News.

Shanghai's Protest

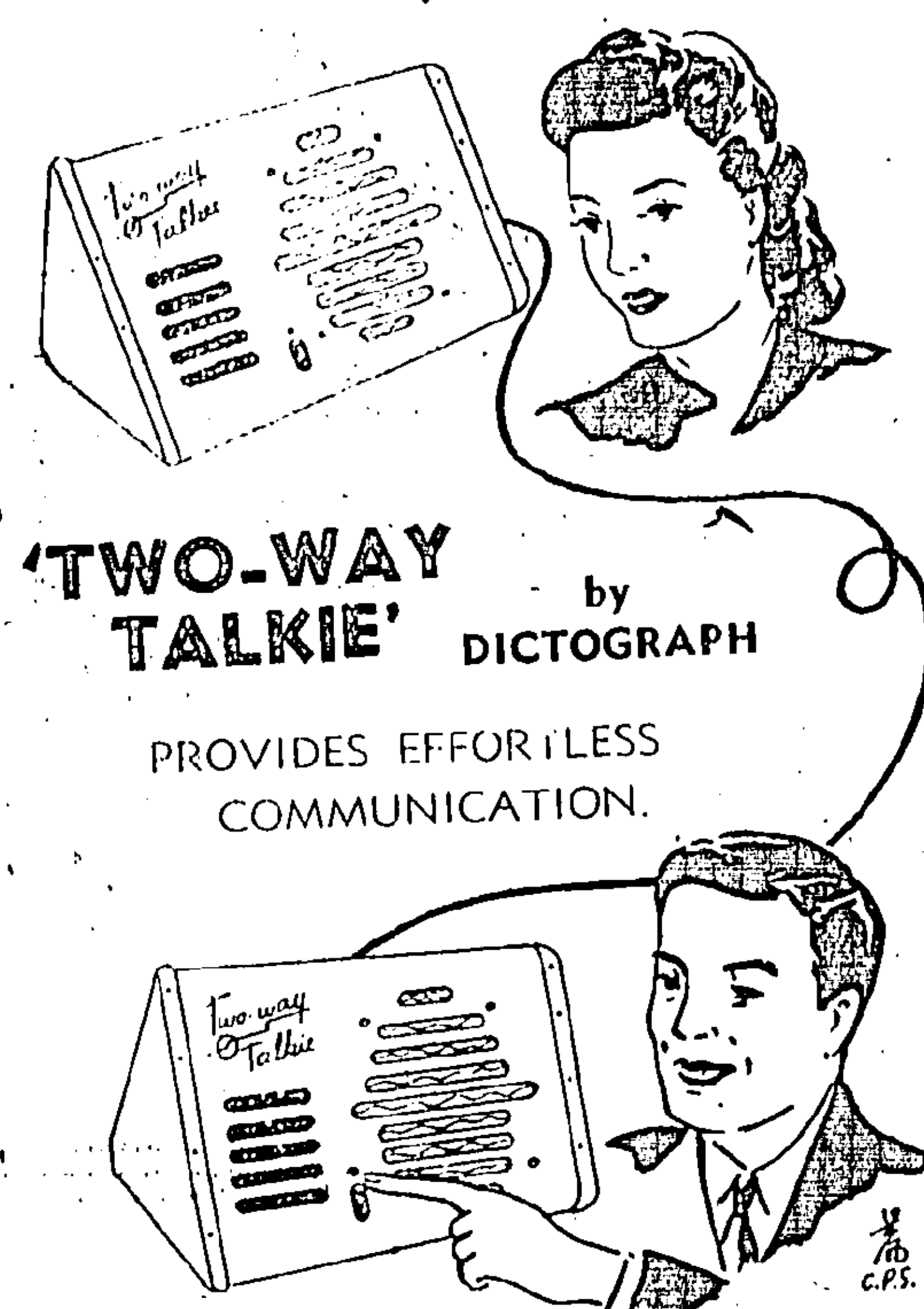
Shanghai, May 19. About five thousand shouting, singing and banner waving students from eight universities paraded through the main streets of Shanghai today in a "rescue education" and "stop the civil war" demonstration.

At one street corner, students crashed through the weak police cordon after a long argument, during which the demonstrators told the police: "Why interfere with us? We are hungry and you are hungry too."

One huge banner, carried by several demonstrators, read: "Officials are fat but we people are thin."

Police squads, some mounted and some carrying sub-machine guns, attempted unsuccessfully to break up the procession at various points.—Reuter.

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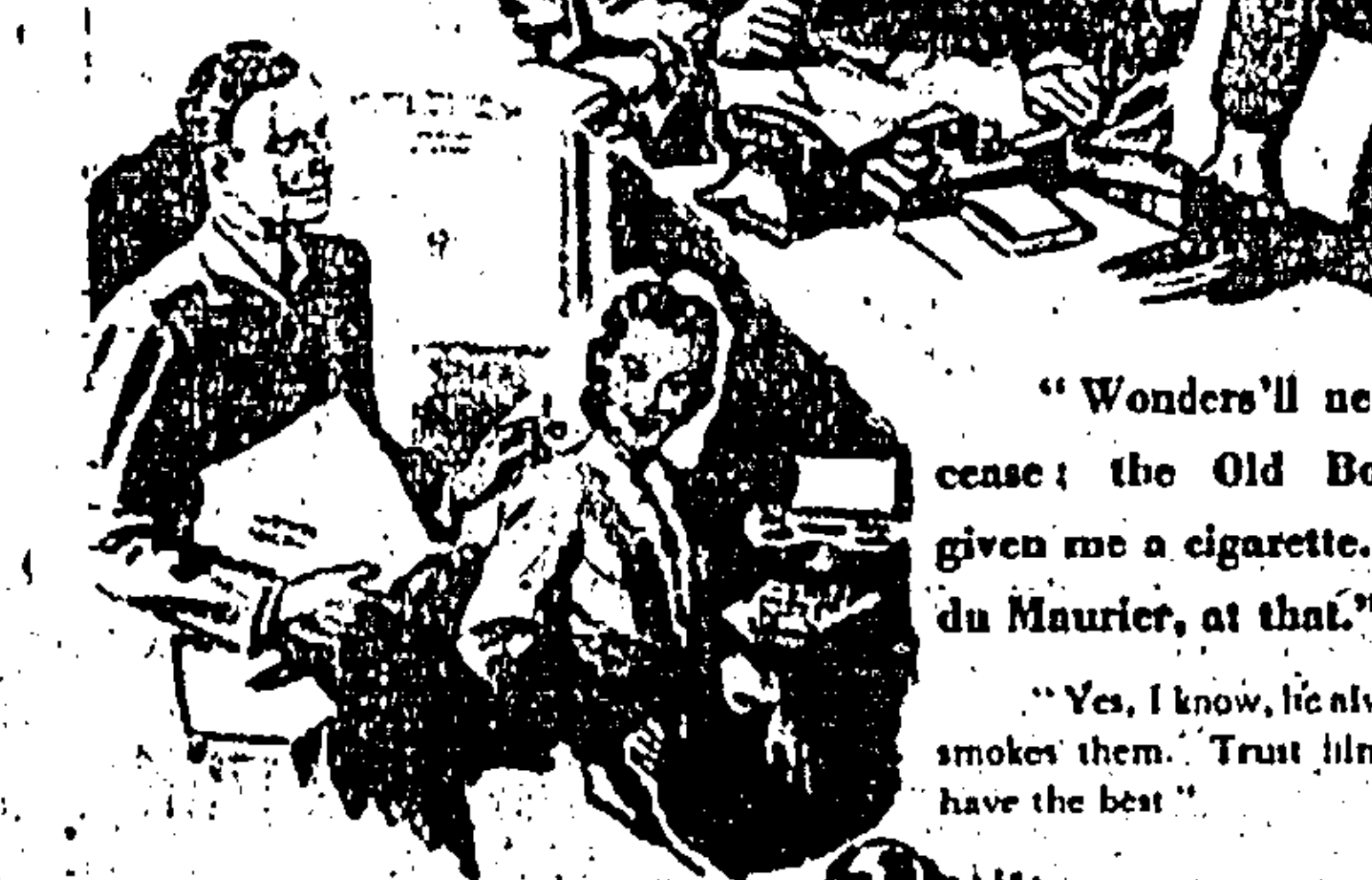
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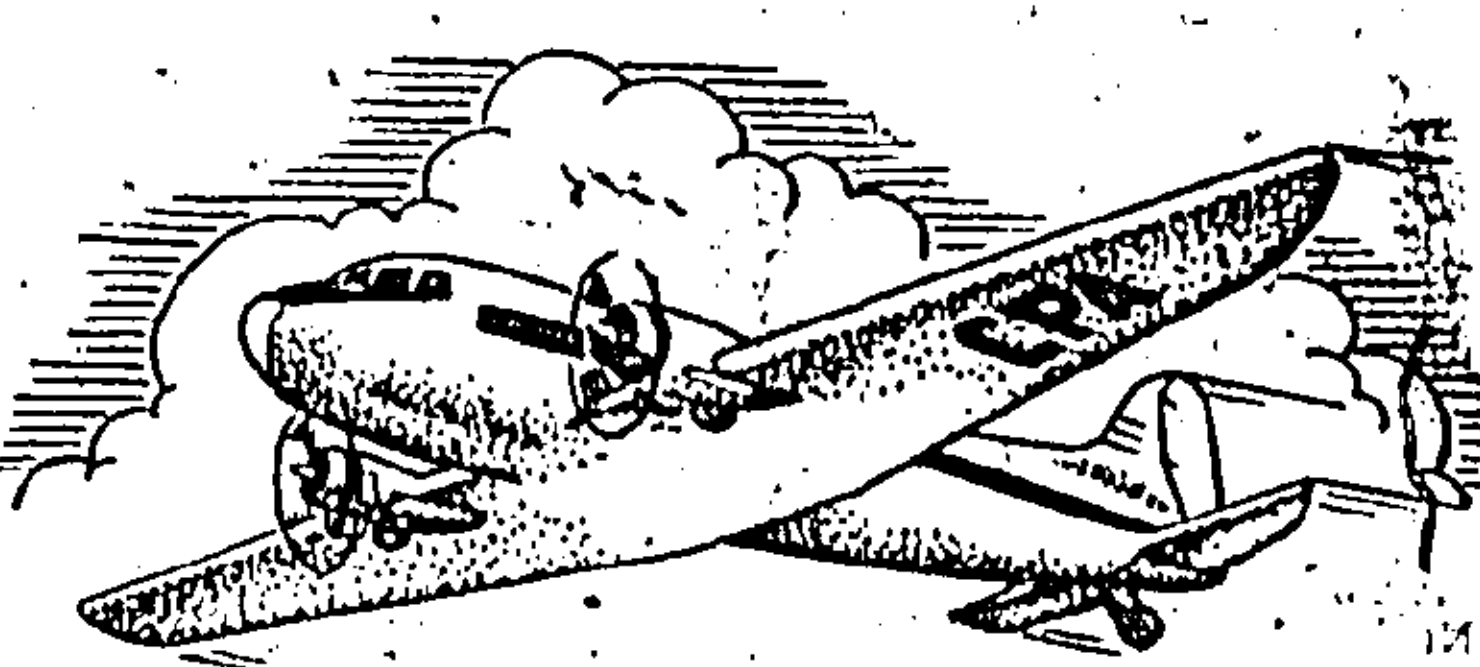
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GROUPS	1st 1/2 year 1941	1946	1st Qtr. 1947	April 1947
Foodstuffs	155.4	704.8	581.3	589.8
Textiles	135.3	769.1	606.0	684.2
Metals & Minerals	182.2	287.3	307.8	274.9
Miscellaneous	158.9	604.5	522.6	602.2
FOODSTUFFS	1st 1/2 year 1941	1946	1st Qtr. 1947	April 1947
Beans	198.8	920.8	685.7	577.9
Beef	128.1	550.0	615.6	615.6
Eggs	110.0	913.2	734.0	564.0
Flour (wheat)	180.5	399.0	417.7	448.4
Flour (maize)	140.0	318.2	319.2	302.8
Saltfish	102.0	515.7	499.8	513.1
Fruits (fresh)	102.7	697.8	602.0	635.7
Lard	105.9	199.0	167.8	175.7
Milk (condensed)	129.8	203.4	329.3	329.3
Mutton	132.8	768.0	419.2	651.8
Onions	146.2	972.1	845.9	760.5
Peanut Oil	150.0	500.0	500.0	500.0
Pork	163.7	631.6	449.8	424.8
Potatoes	203.8	291.4	497.7	760.7
Poultry (Live)	127.0	612.2	1307.7	871.6
Rice (broken)	173.4	910.0	980.2	931.6
Rice (white)	128.9	1,468.1	1,057.5	1,037.0
Sugar (raw)	146.3	603.9	613.5	593.7
Vegetables (dried, salt, & pickled)	150.0	1,421.8	84.0	591.3
Vermicelli	155.4	704.8	581.3	580.8
Average	155.4	704.8	581.3	580.8
* Index number for Australian first four months in 1947.				
TEXTILES	1st 1/2 year 1941	1946	1st Qtr. 1947	April 1947
Cotton Yarn	113.8	1,349.2	915.4	824.0
Cotton (dyed, plain)	131.8	1,422.7	725.8	418.1
Italiana (dyed, figured, plain)	119.4	847.2	449.0	511.1
Shirtings White (40/43 Yds.)	104.6	1,483.1	1,213.6	468.4
Hemp (Manila)	127.8	Nil	625.7	Nil
Gunny Bags	214.3	492.9	530.9	500.7
Hessian Cloth	180.0	928.7	909.9	2,000.0
Silk Piece Goods	151.5	625.0	471.8	550.4
Silk Yarn (Artificial)	172.4	917.3	830.5	Nil
Silk Yarn (wool & union)	167.8	263.8	215.9	258.3
Flannels	93.5	274.0	383.0	467.7
Suitings & Tweeds (woollen)	128.5	469.2	439.0	419.9
Average	138.3	769.1	606.0	664.2
METALS & MINERALS	1st 1/2 year 1941	1946	1st Qtr. 1947	April 1947
Brass Sheets	187.0	209.7	285.1	265.1
Yellow Metal Sheathing	174.8	234.0	328.0	244.9
Coal	250.4	557.8	681.3	Nil
Iron & Steel Bars	135.1	217.7	251.0	257.3
Iron & Steel Nails	144.9	362.3	340.2	346.5
Iron & Steel Plates	138.4	235.9	308.7	235.0
Lead (pig)	140.0	354.4	355.9	Nil
Kerosene	185.7	371.4	328.5	255.7
Oil, Fuel	145.5	145.0	Nil	Nil
Lubricating Oil	145.7	271.0	211.0	208.4
Petrol	98.7	194.7	263.1	164.4
Tin	108.1	229.7	201.5	405.6
Average	160.2	287.3	307.8	274.9
MISCELLANEOUS	1st 1/2 year 1941	1946	1st Qtr. 1947	April 1947
Cement	194.1	419.2	292.4	222.3
Charcoal	250.4	480.0	752.9	692.0
Feather (ducks)	100.0	98.7	72.0	182.4
Firewood	223.2	782.6	730.2	574.7
Hardwood	127.7	1,070.8	1,120.2	899.2
Hides (cow)	95.4	801.5	802.6	293.8
Hides (buffalo)	139.7	400.4	537.5	578.2
Leather (sole)	105.5	303.5	305.9	300.4
Paper (Chinese)	118.0	475.2	390.5	570.7
Rattans	128.2	651.2	592.8	439.4
Salt-petre	201.9	690.8	509.2	401.5
Softwood	188.7	277.2	309.8	484.8
Soda Ash	280.4	546.0	747.2	1,514.9
Sulphuric Acid	142.5	329.1	398.3	248.3
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Fine Soccer Win By Switzerland

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Switzerland, a team of soccer amateurs, humbled the cream of England's professionals before a capacity crowd of 34,000 at the Hardturn Stadium here today, deservedly winning by the only goal scored.

The Swiss were better throughout and although England had what looked like a perfectly good goal by Lawton disallowed, they did not on the day's play deserve a draw.

As the Football Association's secretary, Stanley Rous, said afterwards: "The better team won. It was the superior speed, skill and tactics of the Swiss that won them the game."

England's form was too bad to be true and there is hardly an English player who will look back on this game with any satisfaction. They had every chance. Conditions were all in their favour and yet they lacked the mediocre against the fast and skilful Swiss side that played full out for every minute of the game.

The Swiss did not pick their team until the last minute, but the eleven players eventually chosen did a grand job. There was no weak player among them.

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VICEROY IN ENGLAND

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Lord Louis Mountbatten, Viceroy of India, arrived by air at Northolt airfield at 10.15 GMT, on his visit to Britain to consult with the Prime Minister and Cabinet on the situation in India.

The Viceroy, asked if he had anything to say about his mission, replied: "I have nothing to say but I will say it." He declined to go to the radio and newspaper microphones.

The party then left for London.—Reuter.

Panic At Match

Milan, May 18.
Some 50 people were seriously injured and had to be taken to hospital when a crowd panicked in the stand which swayed and seemed to be about to collapse at a Milan football match today.

Dozens of people had slight injuries.

Iron railings were broken by the crowd pressing against them. Many people were thrown to the ground and trampled in the rush for exits. Other people jumped from the stand into the crowd below.

The match was stopped for half an hour.—Reuter.

Irgun Replies To Peace Appeal

Jerusalem, May 18.
The Irgun Zvai Leumi, the Jewish terrorist organisation, referring to the United Nations Organisation appeal for peace in Palestine pending a decision, declared tonight: "If the British Government is prepared to fulfil the United Nations demands, then the Hebrew underground will also agree."

The statement, broadcast by the clandestine radio "Voice of Fighting Zion", added that, if the British Government continued to deport illegal immigrants, hold Jews in illegal internment, or "murder prisoners of war," they would be responsible for a breach of the decision of the United Nations and "for the inevitable consequences of such a breach."

"We will continue to answer force with force," the statement said, adding that the United Nations resolution had a "double significance": "one—a demand to the British Government to refrain, during the work of the Special Committee on Palestine, from direct acts of hostility against the Hebrew people; two—a demand to the fighting Hebrew underground to refrain during the same period from military operations in Israel" (Land of Israel).

A similar "terms-of-truce" declaration was issued last night by the Stern Gang—the other Jewish terrorist organisation.

In addition to the Irgun's conditions, the Stern Gang demanded the lifting of the curfew, no confiscation of property and no arrests of other underground fighters.—Reuter.

Explosions

Jerusalem, May 19.
Two heavy explosions shook the busy coastal city of Haifa last night and eye-witnesses said the flames were visible immediately half way up one slope of Mount Carmel on which the city stands.

The blasts occurred near midnight.—Associated Press.

Jews In Cyprus

Famagusta, May 18.
Four Royal Navy corvettes with approximately 1,425 Jews from the illegal immigration ship Katikwa, (brought into Haifa yesterday) arrived at Famagusta today and began disembarking.

On Tuesday, when 1,125 Jews leave for Palestine under the United Press.

HAL CHASE DEAD

Colusa, Calif., May 18.
The death occurred here today of a famous Hal Chase, 64, regarded as the greatest slide hitting first baseman in American baseball. Chase played with the Yankees and White Sox.

United Press.

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Ukiah, Calif., May 19.
Seabiscuit, one of the most famous race horses of modern times, died on Saturday night at the owner, C.S. Howard's ranch near here.

The veterinarian said the 14-year-old horse died of a heart attack.—Associated Press.

Atomic Power Station

London, May 19.
Britain's first atomic power station, a huge plant designed to produce electricity from uranium, will be built at Drigg in Cumberland, the Daily Express said today.

It said several uranium engines will be set up and "plans to have the first engine working within five years have been drawn up by the Atomic Energy Council and approved by the Cabinet."

It estimated that the project will cost £7,000,000. This engine is expected to have a full production output of 75,000 kilowatts, enough to supply light and power to a city the size of Liverpool—the fourth city of the British Isles with 855,000 people.

If this is successful, other engines will be built at Drigg and a second atomic power station will be set up somewhere in Scotland.

The total output of these two plants should eventually be more than 1,000,000 kilowatts, contributing a quarter of Britain's electrical power needs and saving 5,000,000 tons of coal a year.—Associated Press.

**U.S. ENVOY IN
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Lewis Douglas, United States Ambassador to London, paid a brief surface visit to a coal mine in South Yorkshire today.

The American Ambassador was accompanied by Lord Hyndley, chairman of the National Coal Board, and other Board and union officials.—United Press.

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MacArthur Message To America

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A crowd, estimated at 300,000, heard a message from General Douglas MacArthur urging preservation of "our heritage of freedom" at an observance of "An American Day."

"God grant that these freedoms may never arbitrarily be curtailed," the Supreme Allied Force Eastern Commander said.

"Nor will they fail to form the cornerstone of our individual and national development—that they may ever mark our country as a shining symbol of human liberty and progress to inspire in the hearts of oppressed people of all lands that longing similarly to be free."

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Main Bases In East Africa

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Informed British sources today declared Britain is setting the stage to hand military responsibility in the Mediterranean and the Middle East over to the United States and withdraw its Empire defences to East Africa.

Qualified British military informants said the proposed set-up implied that the defense of the Mediterranean and the Suez Canal would become an American responsibility. This move will not mean the abandonment of Britain's economic and political interests in the Middle East, however, these sources said, recalling Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin's statement to the House of Commons last Friday.

These military informants, who are close to the War Office, fixed the timetable for the withdrawal of British military and supply bases to East Africa at two to three years.

Momentous Move

The momentous shift, revamping the 50-year-old policy of Imperial defense, has been made possible by the emergence of the United States as an active Mediterranean power with definable interests to defend, these informants said.

The decision to fortify East Africa—mainly Kenya and the two Rhodesias—was understood to have been dictated too by Britain's decision to quit India by June next year, by the instability of Palestine and by the uncertain constitutional future of the Sudan whose status is now the subject of an Egyptian appeal, pending before UNO.

The effect of the plan on the economic, social and political future of Africa, these military sources said, would be "truly historic."

**Franco-Belgian
Cooperation**

British officials declared they already have recognised that any blueprint for the African defense strategy would require active co-operation of the inhabitants. Another primary requirement would be the co-ordination of policy with France and Belgium, Britain's most important and politically reliable neighbours in Africa.

British, French and Belgian colonial administrators will meet in Paris on Tuesday to discuss a wide range of African problems, including public health, communications, hygiene, food supplies, drainage and reforestation.

British, French and Belgian sources in London agreed that an intensive development programme in southern, central and equatorial Africa would begin "very soon."

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General's Warning To U.S.

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Addressing an American Rally at the Chicago Stadium, Gen. Kenney, who commands the Strategic Air Command, said the United States stands as the great hope of the small nations of the world.

"That hope, however, would soon fade if we are not even capable of defending ourselves in the event of our national integrity being threatened.... If we allowed ourselves to become too weak to maintain our national self-respect."

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